
Minute of Strategic Planning Advisory Group

Date: Tuesday 27th October 2021

Time: 2pm

Place: Via MS Teams

Present

Marie Oliver (Vice Chair)

Councillor Julie Dettbarn

Robert Pyper, Academic Advisor

Billy Cooper, Staff Side Representative, South Ayrshire Council

Tim Eltringham, Chief Officer & Director of Health and Social Care

Lisa Duncan, Chief Finance Officer

Gordon Walker, Representative Member for Carers

Mark Inglis, Head of Children's Health & Justice Services

John Wood, Senior Manager, Policy, Planning & Commissioning

David Girvan, Locality Planning Partnership Representative

Lesley Reid, Health Improvement Lead (NHS)

Derek Frew, Police Scotland

Catriona Rowley, Scottish Commission for Learning Disability

Mark McKinley, Community Care Assistant, Learning Disability Social Work Team

Danielle Rae, Planning & Performance Coordinator

Stephanie Cox, Planning & Performance Officer

Lynn Storrie, Administration Assistant (Minute Taker)

Marie Oliver in the Chair

Apologies for Absence

1. Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Linda Semple, Billy McClean, Scott Hunter, Phil White and Kevin Anderson.

Declarations of Interest

2. There were no further Declarations of Interest by Members of the Group in terms of Standing Order No. 7, the Standards in Public Life – Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies.

Minute of Previous Meeting

3. The minute of the meeting held on 31st August 2021 was unavailable therefore J Wood provided a verbal minute to the group noting that decisions have now been made on the allocation of the Wellbeing Fund and a report has been presented to the IJB.

Locality Planning Partnership Update

4. D Girvan presented the Locality Planning Partnership update noting that more engagement will be taking place around the Learning Disability Strategy.
5. M Inglis highlighted that in keeping with processes a proposal should be made to the Renewal and Recovery Group around the potential use of the venues identified at section 4.6 of the report.

ACTION:

- 1) **P White to draft a proposal for the Renewal and Recovery Group around the venues identified in each locality.**
- 2) **M Oliver to convene a meeting with P White, Chairs of the LPPs and Officers to discuss the above action.**

Suicide Prevention Report

6. M Inglis presented the report on Suicide Prevention proposing the creation of a Suicide Prevention Oversight Group within South Ayrshire, the purpose of the group would be to co-ordinate a collaborative response to suicide prevention through training, the use of data, media and communications on a local and national level.
7. D Frew welcomed the proposal adding that Police Scotland Ayrshire Division are involved in a pilot scheme for suicide prevention running over the next two years looking at trends and identifying links to COVID. D Frew expressed an interest to be part of this group from a Police perspective.

8. Councillor Dettbarn welcomed the proposals and requested that farmers representation or chaplain be included in the membership.
9. Following discussion around resourcing, M Inglis confirmed that conversations have taken place around funding being made available in the 3rd sector, and existing resources will be used.
10. R Pyper commented that the supporting documents to the report were very useful and commented that links to the strategic plan could be included.

Learning Disability Strategy

11. The Partnership has been working closely with the Scottish Commission for Learning Disability (SCLD) on the Learning Disability Strategy. D Rae reported that engagement with service users included of a survey issued to service users, 90 responses were received and are currently in the process of being analysed. SCLD conducted interviews with staff members across the Partnership, a survey has also been issued to staff via staff and provider newsletters.
12. Focus groups were held both in person and virtually, these events were well attended. D Rae advised the feedback from the focus groups and survey will be used to inform the strategy. C Rowley commented that reoccurring themes being identified from the focus groups are that parents/carers find it difficult to find information on what is happening/available in South Ayrshire and a lack of information on SDS. M Oliver suggested a Learning Disability tab could be added to the South Ayrshire Lifeline website, detailing learning disability activities available. M Oliver expressed she was happy to discuss this further offline. It was noted that good news stories have also been received from the focus groups, Hansel, Girvan Opportunities and UCAN were praised for the services they provide.
13. D Rae advised that the Steering Group meeting and Champions Board continue to take place and will do so until the Strategy is in place.
14. J Wood thanked colleagues from SCLD for their consultation and involvement in helping to develop the strategy.

Communication and Engagement Strategy

15. J Wood presented the update report on the Communication and Engagement Strategy to the group noting that the current focus is to develop a draft strategy, the principles of the strategy were outlined to the group within the appendices of the report. J Wood requested that the SPAG consider and feedback their views on how the strategy is developing.

16. J Wood added that it is intended the strategy will provide practical support to staff when communicating with their teams and the public. Sections will be developed on communication with a variety of groups including young people and homeless people.
17. D Frew spoke of Police Scotland's experience in developing their communication strategy, J Wood suggested it would be helpful to have further discussions offline.
18. Discussion followed around the Wellbeing Pledge; L Reid agreed to keep SPAG informed of its development.

Public Involvement Representation

19. A Public Involvement representative requires to be appointed following the retirement of Hugh Miller, a recruitment exercise was held however this was unsuccessful in appointing due to insufficient interest in the post. J Wood advised East Ayrshire HSCP used the method of recruiting from their Public Engagement Forum and proposed that South Ayrshire take the same approach.
20. **A paper will be prepared and presented to SPAG at a future meeting.**

National Care Service Consultation

21. The SPAG noted the response to the National Care Service Consultation, previously approved at the IJB meeting held on 20th October 2021.

Improving local breastfeeding rates: an update

22. T Eltringham highlighted the improvement of breastfeeding rates within South Ayrshire, and noted he was keen for the strategy to be brought in line with the strategic plan. The SPAG noted the contents of the update.

Any Other Business

23. M Oliver noted that Scottish Government are investing £50m into Mental Health and Wellbeing, a steering group has been established to discuss South Ayrshire's allocation. The groups that receive funding will work alongside VASA to ensure funding is being used appropriately.
24. As there were no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 3.37pm.

Date of Next Meeting

25. Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 2pm via MS Teams.