

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Strategic Planning Advisory Group	
Held on	26th April 2022	
Agenda Item:	Item 6	
Title:	Adult Learning Disability Strategy	
Summary:		
The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the progress of refreshing the Adult Learning Disability Strategy.		
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It is recommended that the Strategic Planning Advisory Group:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the progress made in the consultation on the Adult Learning Disability Strategy ii. Note that the final Strategy will be endorsed by the IJB. 		
Route to meeting:		
A report was presented to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) on 24 March 2021 and 16 February 2022. Regular progress reports were presented to SPAG on 20 April 2021, 15 June 2021, 31 August 2021, 27 October 2021, 14 December 2021 and 23 February 2022.		
Directions:		Implications:
1. No Directions Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Financial <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Directions to NHS Ayrshire & Arran <input type="checkbox"/>		HR <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Directions to South Ayrshire Council <input type="checkbox"/>		Legal <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Directions to both SAC & NHS <input type="checkbox"/>		Equalities <input type="checkbox"/>
		Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/>
		Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		ICT <input type="checkbox"/>

ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY STRATEGY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the progress of refreshing the Adult Learning Disability Strategy.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Strategic Planning Advisory Group:

- i. **Note progress made in the consultation on the Adult Learning Disability Strategy**
- ii. **Note that the final Strategy will be endorsed by the IJB.**

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 South Ayrshire IJB has delegated authority for all adult learning disability services within South Ayrshire, currently working under the existing [Adult Learning Disability Strategy](#) which runs to 2022. The existing strategy applies to all adults with learning disabilities, including those aged from 16 years onwards who are in transition into adult services. The Strategy sought to signal a change in what people can expect with a shift to being supported within the community and details how communities can support this shift. It was developed with a clear reference to the 2013 Keys to Life national strategy for learning disability.
- 3.2 South Ayrshire HSCP has made good progress on delivering the extant Learning Disability Strategy (progress reported to the Performance and Audit Committee) but with the policy landscape changing (e.g., the recent publication of a refreshed national learning disability strategy 'Keys to Life' and the implications of the Review of Adult Social Care), and our services having to adapt to the impact of COVID-19, the time is now right to draft a new strategy. This follows the publication of the IJB Strategic Plan, allowing for alignment to the HSCP's overall strategic objectives.
- 3.3 At its meeting on 24 March 2021, the IJB agreed that work will begin to develop a revised Adult Learning Disability Strategy for the HSCP; that the drafting should be taken forward by officers in close collaboration with a range of partners (including the Scottish Commission for Learning Disability) and be overseen by the IJB's Strategic Planning Advisory Group. The revised strategy will be brought to the IJB for approval by May 2022.
- 3.4 To develop the strategy, the HSCP has formalised a strategic partnership with the Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities (SCLD) to support us through the drafting process with their expertise.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 Since the last update to SPAG in February 2022, the main area of focus has been consulting on the draft strategy. The draft Strategy went out to public consultation on 4th March and closed on 15th April allowing for a consultation period of six weeks.
- 4.2 The HSCP has used a variety of methods to consult on the draft Strategy. These are set out below:
- Easy-read paper survey sent to everyone who receives support from Learning Disability Service and guardians - approximately 750 people.
 - Easy-read online survey for the public and staff
 - Online and in-person focus groups supported by SCLD
 - Provider's Forum through VASA
 - Locality Planning Partnership meetings
 - IJB Briefing with Elected Members
- 4.3 A total of 97 people with learning disabilities in South Ayrshire completed the survey. This is around 1 in every 6 people in South Ayrshire who are known to the local authority to be accessing services on the basis of a learning disability and slightly higher than the return on the initial survey.
- 4.4 Initial feedback is positive with most respondents agreeing that the vision and priorities of the strategy are the right ones. Most respondents felt the strategy was easy to understand but some felt that some parts are difficult to understand and overall, most respondents liked the overall design of the strategy.
- 4.5 There were five in-person focus groups and four scheduled online, however participants only subscribed to two of the online groups. Over the course of the focus groups, we engaged with:
- 24 individuals:
 - 12 of whom were parents, guardians, or family members
 - 12 of whom were people with learning disabilities
 - 6 of whom were also representatives of the League of Champions
- 4.6 Currently, we are analysing all the consultation feedback to inform the final strategy. Supporting documents are also being finalised such as the Equalities Impact Assessment, a report on all engagement and consultation activity and a summary version.
- 4.7 A final version of the strategy will be submitted to IJB in May 2022 for approval.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 5.1 Learning disability services are a core service for the HSCP and are vital to driving our strategic objectives and improving outcomes for the community. The

IJB Strategic Plan outlines seven key objectives, and the Learning Disability Strategy will align clearly with these particularly:

- We nurture and are part of communities that care for each other
- We work together to give you the right care in the right place
- We help build communities where people feel safe
- We are transparent and listen to you

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 There will ultimately be significant financial implications of the Learning Disability Strategy, but these implications will be brought to the IJB as appropriate.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

6.2.1 There are no HR implications to agreeing this report.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 There are no legal implications to agreeing this report.

6.4 Equalities implications

6.4.1 A full equality impact assessment will be undertaken on the completed draft strategy.

6.5 Sustainability implications

6.5.1 There are no sustainability implications to agreeing this report.

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

6.6.1 The views of professional groups will be taken into close consideration as the strategy is developed.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 Details on consultation and a partnership approach are set out above and will be further developed as the strategy is developed.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 There is no risk associated with agreeing this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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