

<b>Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership</b>	<b>Integration Joint Board</b>	
<b>Held on:</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Chief Officer's Update Report</b>	
<b>Summary:</b>		
<p>This report provides an update to the South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board on behalf of the Chief Officer on items that do not merit a full report but the Board may wish to note. Topics covered in this report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Covid -19 response and recovery</li> <li>b) Fort Street Development update</li> <li>c) Response to war in Ukraine</li> <li>d) Broader system pressures</li> <li>e) Senior roles appointments</li> <li>f) Award of 4-year Care at Home Contract</li> </ul>		
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Tim Eltringham, Director of Health &amp; Social Care</b>	
<b>It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:</b>		
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<b>Route to meeting:</b>		
Report for IJB only.		
<b>Directions:</b>		<b>Implications:</b>
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"/>

## CHIEF OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report provides an update to the South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board on behalf of the Chief Officer on items that do not merit a full report, but the Board may wish to note. Topics covered in this report include:

- a) COVID-19 response and recovery
- b) Fort Street development update
- c) Response to war in Ukraine
- d) Broader system pressures
- e) Appointment of senior roles
- f) Care at Home Contract Award (4-year contract)

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 **It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:**

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### 3. REPORT

3.1 Topics for noting are detailed below.

#### Covid-19 response and recovery

3.2 The HSCP along with the NHS continues to be in response mode to deal with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and wider system pressures. Weekly meetings continue to be held of the Community Services Oversight Group and there is ongoing engagement with providers (care home and care at home) to offer appropriate support.

3.3 Working arrangements for the majority of staff are unchanged since we last reported to the IJB. A paper on the proposed Future Operating Model for staff employed by South Ayrshire Council was presented to Full Council on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March and was agreed.

3.4 Arrangements to support service delivery in line with the Operating Model continue and where required ICT has been introduced to offer improved access for network connections to support dual access (NHS and Council) workstations.

#### Broader system pressures

3.5 As IJB members are aware, there continues to be particular pressure on the health and care system resulting directly and indirectly from the pandemic.

3.6 The Scottish Government continue to seek additional assurances from IJBs in

relation to performance within their areas and in January a new weekly return was requested by all HSCPs including data on vacancies, delayed discharges, work with the third sector and other activity.

Workforce and capacity challenges remain key areas for consideration and action and recruitment activity has remained at a high level. Examples of joint working approaches include recruitment fairs/DWP led recruitment events and increased social media vacancy advertising.

#### Fort Street Development

- 3.7 The new housing development in Fort Street, Ayr, has been completed and the facility has as informed was handed over to the HCSP in March 2022. Fort Street has been developed in partnership with South Ayrshire Council's Housing team to provide a new supported accommodation facility. The accommodation has been specifically designed for adults with physical and mental health illnesses in South Ayrshire.
- 3.8 The development consists of eleven 1-bedroom properties offering modern accommodation in the heart of Ayr town centre. Each new home has been designed to suit the needs of the individual, helping to support residents in a way that promotes independence as well as reducing risk.
- 3.9 The HSCP has commissioned a provider who is currently recruiting staff who will be trained to a high level to support residents living at Fort Street. It is anticipated that the first of those residents will move into their new homes at the end of June 2022.

#### Response to war in Ukraine

- 3.10 The HSCP management team recognise the potential requirement to respond to the needs of refugees from Ukraine. Any arrangements will be directed by the UK Government. At this stage no specific requirements have been notified. We are aware of community-led proposals in one locality, and we continue to engage with Council colleagues to respond to those proposals.

#### Senior Role appointments

- 3.11 The Chief Social Work Officer and Senior Manager (Planning and Performance) posts have both been appointed. Gary Hoey was appointed as Chief Social Work Officer and Sheila Tyeson appointed as Senior Manager (Planning and Performance). Both have commenced their roles.

#### Care at Home Contract Award (4-year contract)

- 3.12 Following a successful tendering process South Ayrshire Council have awarded a new contract to 9 providers. The new contract arrangements came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

3.13 The new contractual arrangements replace a number of Annex II contracts in addition to enabling a flexible tendering process which will support new providers to submit a tender for evaluation, at agreed intervals, during the lifetime of the contract thus attracting a range of providers whilst also increasing capacity, choice and maintaining quality of service provision.

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