

<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>9</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Adult Learning Disability Strategy 2022-2027</b>	
<b>Summary:</b>		
The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the new Adult Learning Disability Strategy covering the period 2022-2027.		
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Tim Eltringham, Director of Health and Social Care</b>	
<b>It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Approve the Adult Learning Disability Strategy 2022-2027 see - Appendix 1</b></li> <li><b>ii. Note the significant consultation and engagement taken place throughout the drafting of the Strategy; and</b></li> <li><b>iii. Agree that that the Strategy is formally 'launched' in June 2022</b></li> </ul>		
<b>Route to meeting:</b>		
A report was presented to the Integration Joint Board on 24 March 2021 and 16 February 2022. Regular progress reports were presented to the Strategic Planning Advisory Group on 20 April 2021, 15 June 2021, 31 August 2021, 27 October 2021, 14 December 2021, 23 February 2022 and 26 April 2022.		
<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"/>	

## ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY STRATEGY

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the new Adult Learning Disability Strategy covering the period 2022-2027.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

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

- i. Approve the Adult Learning Disability Strategy 2022-2027 attached at Appendix 1**
- ii. Note the significant consultation and engagement taken place throughout the drafting of the Strategy; and**
- iii. Agree that that the Strategy is formally 'launched' in June 2022**

### 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.
- 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 People with Learning Disabilities (SCLD) and be overseen by the IJB's Strategic Planning Advisory Group.
- 3.4 To develop the strategy, the HSCP formalised a strategic partnership with the SCLD to support us through the drafting process with their expertise.

### 4. REPORT

- 4.1 The report below outlines our engagement on the Strategy, summarises the content and outlines some proposed next steps. The appendices to the report are listed below:
- Appendix 1 – The full draft Strategy

- Appendix 2 – A Summary Easy-Read version
- Appendix 3 – Policy Context report
- Appendix 4 – Assessment of Risk
- Appendix 5 – Equality Impact Assessment on the Strategy
- Appendix 6 – Consultation and Engagement Report
- Appendix 7 – Equality Impact Assessment on the consultation and engagement

### Engagement and development of the Strategy

- 4.2 To develop the strategy, a Strategy Development Group was established and met monthly. The Development Group was well attended with a wide range of representatives from various service areas (such as Health and Social Work, Housing, Employability and Skills, League of Champions, Third Sector, Ayrshire College and SCLD) as well as a person who receives support and parents. The Group themed each meeting around specific areas of focus for the Strategy such as employability and learning, Housing, Health and Social Care, Community Safety, Equalities and Carers.
- 4.3 A Steering Group was also established for people with learning disabilities and carers to have direct input into the development of the strategy. The Steering Group discussed the themes prior to the Strategy Development Group meeting so their views can be shared to inform discussions at the Strategy Development Group meeting.
- 4.4 A League of Champions, consisting of people with learning disabilities, parents, carers and providers was established to ensure the strategy is shaped by those it is designed for. A staff member was seconded to focus solely on participation and oversee the League of Champions ensuring we have dedicated resource to understand the needs and aspirations of people with learning disabilities. The League of Champions continued to meet monthly and support the development of the Strategy. The League of Champions will remain in place to ensure continuous engagement and give those with learning disabilities a forum for making their views known beyond the launch of the Strategy.
- 4.5 In preparing the strategy, we were innovative in our methods of engagement. We are very grateful for the support we received from our partners to do this, particularly the SCLD and VASA (Voluntary Action South Ayrshire). The Strategy has been developed by engaging and consulting with people with learning disabilities, families and carers, staff, partners and the communities we serve.
- 4.6 Our initial engagement exercise began in August 2021. A number of methods were used to inform the development of the new Adult Learning Disability Strategy.
- An easy-read paper survey was produced in collaboration with the Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities (SCLD), League of Champions and Strategy Development and Steering Groups.
  - An online version was also made available and was promoted through the Health and Social Care Partnership channels to reach people who may not be accessing services.

- Focus groups were arranged throughout September both in person and virtually. The groups were delivered jointly by the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and SCLD
- A separate focus group was led by VASA and the SCLD with third sector providers to gather their views on the new strategy
- A staff survey was produced for professionals in public, private and third sector whose service supported adults with learning disabilities.
- Other consultation activity included one-to-one interviews with staff members from different areas of the HSCP and Council, and with people who had experience of using Learning Disability Services.
- Interviews with those who had used services were used to create a visual journey map of their experiences.

4.7 A total of 90 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.

4.8 The formal consultation on the draft Strategy took place from 4<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Following a similar format to the initial consultation period, methods included:

- 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

4.9 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.

4.10 The feedback we received was rich and comprehensive. We have incorporated this feedback into the final draft.

#### Adult Learning Disability Strategy 2022-2027

4.11 The engagement and other inputs outlined above were incorporated into the final Strategy which is attached at Appendix 1 for the IJB's endorsement.

4.12 The Strategy applies to all adults with learning disabilities, including those aged from 16 onwards who are in transition into adult services. Policy at both a national and local level aims to ensure that people with learning disabilities have their rights respected, are treated equally and fairly, and are supported to make their own decisions and to live as independently as they choose.

4.13 The vision of the Strategy was chosen by the League of Champions and received positive feedback in the consultation. The vision is:

***‘Life your best life in the way that you choose’***

- 4.14 The consultation feedback reflected similar priorities to those contained in the national strategy ‘Keys to Life’ so our local objectives reflect these, namely:
- Health and Wellbeing
  - Choice and Control
  - Living Independently
  - Active Citizenship
- 4.15 The Strategy then sets out these four priority areas and details the actions we will take and how we will measure our progress.
- 4.16 The strategy has been written in easy read to ensure it is accessible to the people it is written for. The final draft has been shared with the Strategy Development Group and the League of Champions to have final oversight of the content, design and formatting of the document. A summary easy read version has also been produced.
- 4.17 To deliver on the actions contained within the Strategy, we will work in partnership with other services and organisations.
- 4.18 This Strategy builds on the principles of the South Ayrshire Wellbeing Pledge and outlines what we offer to people with learning disabilities in South Ayrshire. The Strategy is informed by and supports delivery of the priorities and requirements set out in South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership’s Strategic Plan for 2021-31.

Proposed next steps

- 4.19 With this report, the IJB are invited to agree the Adult Learning Disability Strategy. Once approved, the following steps will be undertaken:
- the Strategy will be publicly launched by the HSCP;
  - other formats of the strategy will be developed such as a video and infographic;
  - an implementation group will be established to progress the actions within the strategy;
  - regular meetings with the League of Champions will be established to provide scrutiny on the progress of the implementation; and
  - six-monthly progress reports will be presented to the Performance and Audit Committee.

**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 has been 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.

## **8. RISK ASSESSMENT**

8.1 There is no risk associated with agreeing this report.

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### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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