
Minute of Integration Joint Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday 25th November 2020

Time: 2pm

Place: Teleconference

Present

Councillor Julie Dettbarn (Chair)
Linda Semple (Vice Chair), NHS
Councillor Philip Saxton
Margaret Anderson, NHS
Councillor William Grant
Jean Ford, NHS

In Attendance

Tim Eltringham, Chief Officer (Director of Health and Social Care)
Lisa Duncan, Chief Finance Officer
Billy McClean, Head of Community Health and Care Services
Mark Inglis, Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice Services
Scott Hunter, Chief Social Work Officer
Martin Rogan, Representative Member for Carers
Karen Hedge, Independent Sector Representative Member
France Ewan, NHS Staff Side Representative Member
Rosemary Robertson, Nursing Advisor
Phil White, Partnership Facilitator
John Wood, Senior Manager, Policy, Performance & Commissioning
Faye Murfet, ADP Coordinator
Laura Conaghan, Administration Assistant (Minute Taker)

Councillor Dettbarn in the Chair

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Hugh Hunter, Ewing Hope and Dr Simon Farrell.

Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest by Members of the Board 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

The minute of the meeting held on 21 October 2020 (previously circulated) was approved by the Board.

Matters Arising

A paper was submitted (previously circulated) updating Members of the Board on matters arising from previous meetings of the Integration Joint Board and the following was noted.

Integration of the Contracts and Commissioning Team to Council's Procurement Service – Confirmed that recruitment has been completed and this can now be removed as an action.

Caring for Ayrshire Informing, Engagement and Communication Plan – The Board received an update at the last meeting from Kirsty Dickson. The Partnership will continue to work with Caring for Ayrshire.

Public Health Update Report – due to ongoing constraints on Public Health Services, an updated report will be submitted to the Board in December 2020.

Preventing Drug Related Deaths in Ayrshire & Arran – Update will be provided to the Board today.

Chief Officers Update Report

The Chief Officer confirmed that the Covid-19 remobilisation and recovery plan is ongoing however has been slightly undermined by the recent section wave. It was noted that the Partnership are having to respond to emerging pressures, particularly in Care Homes most recently. The Chief Officer confirmed that there has been a reduction in Care Homes from 10 to 4 with positive cases. Continued support will be provided to Care Homes during this time.

The Chief Officer highlighted that the Partnership are adhering to the Tier 4 restrictions and noted that there has been no change in service provisions. It was added that desked based staff continue to work from home and all other staff follow the social distancing rules in buildings. Increased support has been given to the Chief Social Work Officer and to the Planning, Performance & Commissioning Team to allow for work to continue “behind the scenes”.

The Chief Officer stated that delayed discharges continue to be an area of difficulty for the Partnership which was made more difficult but the temporary closure of some Care Homes. It was added that there is continued working ongoing with Acute Care Services and Social Work Services to try and elevate the delayed discharge pressures.

M Rogan explained he was disappointed to learn about people being advised to contact NHS 24 rather than attend A&E for non-life-threatening injuries, it was questioned as to why the Board wasn’t notified about this beforehand. The Chief Officer explained that the NHS Board were notified beforehand but unfortunately, it is not always possible to align the Integration Joint Board meetings with the NHS Board meetings.

J Ford queried if all care home residents have been offered the flu vaccination alongside the staff and also highlighted that South Ayrshire always seen to preform badly in regards to delayed discharges and questioned what was being done to change this. B McClean confirmed that all residents were offered the flu vaccination. B McClean advised that consultation is being done with East Ayrshire, who seem to preform well in this area and also with Inverclyde Council, who previously preformed badly in this area but have now managed to turn this around. It was noted that staff are working collaboratively to ensure that process and procedures are up to date and followed.

Councillor Saxton questioned if residents were tested for Covid-19 prior to being discharged from hospital and put into a care home. B McClean confirm this to be the case and explained that residents were also not discharged from hospital if there is a Covid-19 outbreak within a certain home. K Hedge advised that due to the scope of testing staff with care at home and care home, things may get worse before they get better. The Chief Officer confirmed that staff are given time to get tested and may be advised to self-isolate, this would put huge pressures on services. M Anderson queried if families have been asked to help the service under these circumstances. The Chief Officer confirmed that this has always been the case in an emergency.

Care First Report

B McClean explained that this report was submitted to provide the Board with an update only.

B McClean advised that the case recording element of Care First was rolled out on 2nd November 2020 and feedback from workers is that this is working well. It was added that the finance element of the system should be up and running by the end of the financial year. Councillor Grant queried if the deadline of the end of the financial year was achievable. B McClean explained that finance colleagues are working hard to achieve this deadline.

L Semple stated that it would be beneficial for the Board to get an update regarding the progress of this implementation before the estimated completion date. L Semple passed on thanks and congratulations on behalf of the Board to all involved in the implementation of the Care First system during these very difficult times. B McClean ensured that these thanks would be passed onto all staff involved.

Budget Monitoring Period 6

L Duncan explained that at present there is an underspend of the Partnership of £2.6m. L Duncan urged Board Members to note that this underspend is temporary in nature and may be used to cover Covid-19 costs. L Duncan explained the nature of the underspend included reduced day care services and group work, staff working from home and reduced care home beds.

L Duncan stated it is suggested that the underspend due to the reduced number of care home bed, around £676k, be transferred to allow for more support for the Reablement Team. T Eltringham stressed that due to the urgent nature of the progress needed, full approval for this was given by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board and recruitment will start as soon as possible.

J Ford requested that the Board are given regular updates regarding the recruitment for the Reablement Team, this was agreed. J Ford also queried the cost of the of out with authority placements. L Duncan explained that these placements do have a natural end date. T Eltringham explained that these placements are demand dependent however work is in place to provide early intervention to families and children to prevent the need to accommodate children.

Covid-19 Financial Implications

L Duncan stated that the projected spend for the Partnerships response to Covid-19 is currently £8m. It was noted that \$4.629m of spends has been received to date with a further additional funds being confirmed up to the 30th November 2020.

L Duncan confirmed that to date the Partnership has spent £3.8m on provider sustainability payments and the Scottish Government has confirmed that these payments will be provided.

Drug Related Deaths

The Chief Social Work Officer thanked the Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) for their continued work in trying to alleviate drug related deaths.

F Murfet stated that there has been an increase in drug related deaths in Scotland and South Ayrshire currently have the highest on record. F Murfet continued that based on local information there are 30 suspected drug related deaths in South Ayrshire. It was noted that these deaths are classed as suspected due to the problems with information sharing since June 2019.

F Murfet explained that there was a number of themes leading up to the suspected drug related deaths which included being victims of abused, long periods of low moods, suffers of adverse childhood experiences and a history of substance abuse. F Murfet added that the 6 months leading up to the deaths, a percentage had suffered changes in housing circumstances, a breakdown in relationships with family and/or significant other, reduced engagement with services and an escalation in drug use. F Murfet stated that during the lockdown, a great effort had been put in to engage with service users over the phone as much as possible. It was added that online multiagency workshops, 12 in total, are being facilitated by the ADP for people who have lived through drug use and their families, as well as in put from services. Information regarding the remaining online workshops will be issued to the Board.

The Chair highlighted that a meeting with MSPs has been organised to discuss drug related deaths and stressed that this is a good opportunity to provide a wider platform nationally regarding this information.

The Chair thanked F Murfet for her attendance today and the ongoing work being done by the ADP.

Governance Meeting dates for 2021/22

The Chair confirmed that the proposed meeting dates for 2021/22 have been organised with consideration for NHS Board Meetings and South Ayrshire Council Meetings. Governance Meeting dates for 2021/22 were approved by the Board.

Any Other Business

The Chair advised that herself and Councillor Brian McGinley have been appointed as trauma champions for South Ayrshire Council. The Chair advised the Integration Joint Board to appoint one Voting Member as a trauma champion by the next meeting.

As there were no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 3.25pm.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 16th December 2020 at 2pm via MS Teams.