

South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

REPORT

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Integration Joint Board
Held on	19 February 2020
Agenda Item	11
Title	Directions Guidance
Summary: The purpose of this report is to provide the meeting with an update on the Guidance issued by the Scottish Government in respect of Directions for Health and Social Care Integration.	
Presented by	Tim Eltringham Director of Health or Social Care
Action required: Members are asked note the content of the report and the future commitment to ensure compliance with the Statutory Guidance in relation to Directions in line with best practice.	

Implications checklist – check box if applicable and include detail in report									
Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>						

Directions required to NHS Ayrshire & Arran South Ayrshire Council, or both	1. No Direction Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	2. Direction to NHS Ayrshire and Arran	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Direction to South Ayrshire Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Direction to NHS Ayrshire and Arran and South Ayrshire Council	<input type="checkbox"/>

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP
INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD
19 FEBRUARY 2020
REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION DIRECTIONS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to alert the meeting to the Scottish Government Guidance on Directions for Integration.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **Members are asked note the content of the report and the future commitment to ensure compliance with the Statutory Guidance in relation to Directions in line with best practice.**

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1. The Scottish Government published Guidance in relation to Directions from Integration Boards to Health Boards and Local Authorities in January 2020. A link the Guidance is available at the end of this report.
- 3.2 The Guidance outlines the role of Directions as the legal mechanism by which commissioning decisions of the IJB are communicated to the Health Board and the Local Authority.
- 3.3 The Guidance refers to the high level of collaboration required between the range of stakeholders which is necessary prior to decisions at the IJB which result in Directions.
- 3.4 As outlined in section 2 of the Guidance there is an acknowledgement that the function of Directions has not been fully understood hitherto and this has resulted in the issuing of Guidance.
- 3.5 Section 3 of the guidance identifies Directions as the end point of a process of decision-making by the IJB. It is noted that “Directions should not contain surprising or completely unknown information about service change or redesign and should follow a period of wider engagement on the function(s) that are the subject of the direction.” Directions “are not a means of launching unheard-of service change onto delivery partners”.
- 3.6 The Guidance highlights the statutory duty of Integration Authorities “to improve the health and well-being of their local populations..... they have an agenda of change and improvement”. It is clear that a number of directions

will impact on delivery partners in order to improve service sustainability and quality of care.

3.7 It is also noted that the IJB will make many decisions at their meetings which are associated with service change, service redesign and investment and disinvestment.

3.8 The sections associated with the format and timing of directions are self-explanatory.

4. REPORT

4.1 It is intended that working in collaboration with the statutory partners, North and East Ayrshire and Acute Services the IJB will develop and issue directions in accordance with the best practice identified in paragraph 7.5 of the Guidance.

- A standard covering report format, which includes a brief section requiring the report author to decide and record if the report requires a direction to be issued to the Health Board, the local Authority or both, or that no direction is required.
- Directions should include detail on the required delivery of the function and Financial resources.
- The content of a direction should be informed by the content of a report on the function(s) approved by the IJB and should be contained in the same report using a standard format.
- Directions should be issued as soon as practicable following approval by the IJB, usually by the IJB Chief Officer to the Chief Executive of either the Health Board or the Local Authority, or both. Each in their role as accountable officers to the relevant statutory body.
- A log of all directions issued, revised, revoked and completed should be maintained. This log should be periodically reviewed by the IJB and used as part of performance management processes, including audit and scrutiny.

4.2 Following the approval of the Annual Budget and in respect of particular decisions made by the IJB at future meetings, Directions in accordance with the guidance will be issued.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

5.1 The use of Directions is required by statute to enable the IJB to fulfil its duties.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

6.2.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 The IJB is legally required to issue Directions in line with the Guidance.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1. No consultation has been undertaken in respect of the content of this report.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 There are no risks associated with the non-acceptance of this report. A failure to issue Directions in line with the Statutory Guidance will constitute a legal risk.

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no Equalities implications emerging from this paper..

10. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no sustainability implications emerging from this paper.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Statutory Guidance is available at:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/statutory-guidance-directions-integration-authorities-health-boards-local-authorities/>

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