

<b>Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership</b>	<b>Integration Joint Board</b>		
<b>Held on</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>		
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>4</b>		
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Chief Officer's Update Report</b>		
<b>Summary:</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"/>
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		ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>

## CHIEF OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT

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### 2. RECOMMENDATION

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

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### 3. REPORT

Topics for noting are detailed below.

#### **3.1 Covid Response and recovery update**

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. The well established weekly Community Services Oversight Group continues to monitor and direct support as needed and there is ongoing engagement with providers (care home and care at home) to offer appropriate support.

#### **3.2 Broad system pressures**

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

Workforce and capacity challenges remain key areas which the HSCP are engaged with their partners to mitigate. These risks are monitored and form part of the Strategic Risks mitigated where appropriate by the HSCP.

The Scottish Government continue to seek additional assurances from Health and Social Care Partnerships in relation to performance and patient flow within their areas. Focus, particularly on Delayed Transfers of Care, remain at high levels due to recent increase in the number of people who remain in hospital settings longer than is medically required.

On a positive note, the number of outbreaks in Care Homes has remained low.

The HSCP continue to work with all partners to facilitate positive outcomes for service users in a timeous, planned manner whilst meeting the requirements set by the Scottish Government. Progress is being made on management information which is drawn down to support service delivery.

### 3.3 **Ukraine Refugees**

The HCSP senior management team are continuing to engage with the Council to ensure that appropriate support and actions are taken in a timeous manner. The support required to be provided continues to change and is reflective of the number of Ukrainians in South Ayrshire.

At time of writing this was 216, with 72 under the age of 18 years. It should be highlighted that this places system pressure on a number of areas, including GP's, Education and Housing, as well as the potential for community based supports which are already at capacity. SAC will raise the concerns to the Scottish Government.

### 3.4 **Cost of Living Crisis**

The HSCP are sighted on and working with partners to address challenges which will directly impact on service delivery arising from the Cost of Living Crisis. Measures being introduced and considered are: using council vehicles to reduce the cost of fuel. Using technology to support care planning; working with external partners to mitigate travel expenditure/improved care planning allocation; how to support increased fuel expenditure to low paid staff.

The HSCP have positive communication routes with external providers who are experiencing difficulty due to increased fuel costs for heating etc and will continue to monitor this in the coming months as winter approaches.

### 3.5 **Service Development – Social Work Training and Qualification**

The HSCP have set plans in place to increase the number of social workers, through a student social work programme. This programme will enable potential student social workers, to access either a BA (Hons) Social Work qualification or a Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work through the Open university. The closing date for applications for the first intake is 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

### 3.6 **Service Development – Team around the Locality**

Team around the locality models continue to be introduced to bring services closer to those who need them. Premises are being explored and staff will move to key locations, which is in line with the local needs and also takes account of the SAC Future Operating Models. Co location of key services is a fundamental to the success of this and identifying suitable premises remains a high priority. Progress in areas like Troon and Prestwick is being made and other areas will be targeted as premises are identified and made available.

It should be noted that the engagement of partners is critical to the success of locality models and the HSCP is supported with this by Asset Management and Estates, ICT teams from NHS and Council as well as community groups to ensure that the infrastructure is in place.

### 3.7 **Care Inspection – Adults (Physical Disability)**

The HSCP have been notified of the that the Care Inspectorate will be conducting their planned inspection with the focus of this around adults with a physical disability. Work has commenced to provide the information and detail required for this. A lead team has been identified to support the inspection process. The inspectors will be on site in the coming weeks and further updates will be provided in due course.

### 3.8 **National Overdose Awareness Day**

The Alcohol and Drug Partnership held a Flower Walk on 31<sup>st</sup> August. The walk was from Citadel to the Millennium bridge and attended by over 100 people. People attending reflected that whilst the sun shone, the mood of the day was thought provoking, moving, and inspiring. Wallace Tower hosted purple lighting as an momentum to raise further awareness in memory of those lost. Further events are planned by the ADP and details are circulated. All welcome.

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