
Minute of Integration Joint Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday 17th August 2022

Time: 2pm

Place: Via MS Teams

Present

Linda Semple (Chair)
Councillor Lee Lyons (Vice Chair)
Ewing Hope
Councillor Hugh Hunter
Margaret Anderson
Jean Ford
Councillor Cameron Ramsay
Marie Oliver, Representative Member - Third Sector
Martin Rogan, Representative Member – Carers
Billy Cooper, Depute Representative Member – SAC Staff Side
Frances Ewan, Depute Representative Member - NHS Ayrshire & Arran Staff Side.

In Attendance

Tim Eltringham, Chief Officer (Director of Health and Social Care)
Lisa Duncan, Chief Finance Officer
Gary Hoey, Chief Social Work Officer
Billy McClean, Head of Community Health and Care Services
Mark Inglis, Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice Services
Elaine Hill, Allied Health Professional Advisor
Rosemary Robertson, Nursing Advisor
Phil White, Partnership Facilitator
Sheila Tyeson, Senior Manager - Planning & Performance
Faye Murfet, ADP Co-Ordinator
Kirsty Pyper, Communications Officer, HSCP
Rebecca Hunter, Planning and Performance Officer
Laura Conaghan, Administration Assistant (Minute Taker)

Linda Semple in the Chair

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Phil Hulme and Karen Hedge.

2. 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.

3. Minute of Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 15th June 2022 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

J Ford advised that as a voting member, she should be marked as present rather than in attendance. It was also noted that the Board approved the Whistleblowing Report minutes.

Councillor Hunter stated that he was present at the meeting. It was also highlighted that the Budget Monitoring Report was marked as “Item for Nothing”. This will be changed to noting.

With these changes made, the Board agreed to approve the minutes.

4. Matters Arising

A paper was submitted updating Members of the Board on matters arising from previous meetings of the Integration Joint Board and the following was noted:

Membership Lists for Performance & Audit Committee and Strategic Planning Advisory Group – complete versions of the Membership Lists to be distributed to the Board following today’s meeting.

5. Chief Officers Report

A report was submitted to the Board outlining the ongoing pieces of work within the Health and Social Care Partnership.

T Eltringham advised that there are continued ongoing pressure on acute hospital settings and for Health and Social Care staff however advised that delayed discharges

have reduced from 80s to the 60s. Covid measures and school holidays have placed continued pressures on staffing however teams are working hard to alleviate this.

T Eltringham advised that there are increasing pressures sourcing accommodation for Ukrainian refugees. It was stated that the HSCP are working together with South Ayrshire Council to help allow for social and primary care to be more available to the refugees coming into South Ayrshire.

T Eltringham commended the work done to get the Learning Disability Strategy launched. The launch of the strategy took place at the start of August 2022 within the newly refurbished building within Arrol Park, which will replace Arran View and should be fully able to be used by October 2022. T Eltringham noted that the League of Champions took the lead in launching the strategy and recommended that they come to a future Board meeting to give a detailed presentation now the strategy is in place. P White advised that the Partnership are doing a lot of ground-breaking work in relation to Learning Disability Services. Councillor Hunter queried how an action plan will be developed and reported in relation to the implementation of the strategy. S Tyson advised that the strategy development will be reported to the Performance and Audit Committee on a regular basis and will be led by the League of Champions.

T Eltringham advised the Board that Phil Hulme has been appointed as Clinical Director and stated that Senior Managers are encouraged to work in Partnership with Phil. T Eltringham added that a Digital Strategy Manager has been appointed and has huge benefits and potential to the Partnership. This post is currently going through the recruitment process and the Board will be advised once the candidate is in place.

It was noted that Terms of Reference for all Governance meetings are currently being refreshed and will be presented to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

The Board agreed to note this report.

6. Alcohol and Drug Partnership Funding Allocations for 2022-23

Faye Murfet, ADP Co-Ordinator was welcomed by the Board.

F Murfet explained to the Board that the remaining budget for 2021-22 and the end of the financial year was £502,277 which will be carried forward into the 2022-23 budget. F Murfet explained that the Scottish Government issued a letter in June 2022 confirming their support for funding for delivering alcohol and drug services and the Ministerial Priorities for 2022-23. It was noted that a further letter was issued in July 2022 explaining that based on the non-Baseline funding formula, South Ayrshire ADP will be receiving £4k less than in 2021. F Murfet confirmed the funding for 2022-23 is £2,251,786. The funding is broken down as follows:

- Baseline Funding – £1,030,097

- Programme for Government – £382,500
- National Drug Mission – £450,000
- Medication Assisted Treatment Standards – £340,000
- Taskforce Response Fund - £49,189

Councillor Hunter questioned if the underspends within the ADP could be used in other areas of the Partnership. L Duncan confirmed that the underspends have been committed within the ADP and will be spent within two years.

J Ford queried if the 9% extra in regards to treatment targets are due to a backlog of people needing treatments. F Murfet confirmed that there are no significant backlogs in terms of people known to services and the ADP are exceeding targets however, there is ongoing work to identify if there are unknown people in need of the services provided.

Councillor Lyons requested further information as to what specifies what each council contributes to the HMPS Navigator Project. F Murfet confirmed that North Ayrshire withdrew from this project and therefore the cost was split between South & East Ayrshire due to already committing these spends.

B McClean added that focus is being made on the theory that “treatment isn’t everything” and understand that the economy affects the figures of what services are required. F Murfet confirmed that there is ongoing work underway to ensure preventative measures are in place and increasing support available for young people. G Hoey welcomed the ADP being brought into the fore front of services for early intervention. M Inglis agreed that the ADP will be included in the whole family approach within children’s services.

F Murfet advised that on the 4th November 2022 there is a learning review event and will issue the invite to all Board members following the meeting.

The Board agreed the contents of the report.

7. Strategic Risk Register

S Tyeson explained that the Strategic was agreed by Performance & Audit Committee on 30th June 2022. It was noted that the Risk Register was issued to all interested parties to allow for mitigations, priorities and accountability can be aligned and corrected as required. This also allows for the Risk Register to be aligned with South Ayrshire Council procedures. T Eltringham advised that the HSCP and SAC Strategic Risk Registers overlap and the Performance and Audit Committee will review this on a regular basis.

J Ford queried if service quality should be put higher on the Risk Register due to the difficulty to recruit. Councillor Hunter also highlight the hike in energy costs and

requested more information regarding a contingency plan if this caused any service providers to reduce care and/or shut down. T Eltringham confirmed that all Chief Finance Officers have been in discussion with the Scottish Government in regards to this and feel that a Scotland wide approach would be required.

L Semple requested that the highlight risks be added to the Risk Register via the Performance and Audit committee and returned to the Board for an update at a future date.

8. Format of Meetings

T Eltringham advised that to allow for the Board to make meetings as available as possible to the public it is proposed that the meetings resume as face to face where possible. It was noted that County Hall within County Buildings has the facility to broadcast meetings online and have been working with SAC to try and use this function for the IJB.

Councillor Hunter expressed that he fully supports this decision and requested IJB Administration staff should get trained in using this system to ensure a seamless transition back to face to face meetings. C Caves stated that there isn't the ICT support for the implementation of this currently. T Eltringham explained that this issue will be further explored and returned to the Board at a future date.

9. Budget Monitoring Report – Period 3

L Duncan explained that the integrated budget for 2022-23 is £281.775m with a projected underspend of £4.397m. The underspends are detailed below:

- Community Health & Care - £0.905m;
- Children's Health, Care & Justice - £1.812m;
- Mental Health Services - £1.416m;
- Support Services - £0.529m
- Hosted Services -£0.171m.

L Duncan advised that there are projected overspends in the following area:

- Lead Partnerships - £0.117.

L Duncan explained that the Partnership is still responding to Covid following the guidelines set out by the Scottish Government. It was noted that the projected spend for Covid is £3.016m based on current protocols.

L Duncan advised that £0.049m has been approved for earmarking to fund Penumbra. This will provide support to young people who are experiencing emotional distress and

thoughts of self-harm however, do not have a mental health diagnosis. The 12 month funding is due to end however a further 12 months of funding is proposed.

Councillor Lyons queried if some of the underspend could be used to implement the “Belmont First” within other service areas. L Duncan explained that this would be discussed with DMT and reported back to the Board. M Inglis noted that the DMT will be discussing underspends and how this can be used for early intervention and preventative measures.

The Board agreed the report.

10. IJB Reserves

L Duncan explained that the reserves at the end of the financial year reserves budget was £28.706m, with £21.680m earmarked for specific use. Earmarked reserves are as follows:

- Care at Home Capacity - £1.554m;
- Interim Care - £0.760m;
- Multi-Disciplinary Teams - £0.501m.

L Duncan advised that via the Winter Planning arrangements, that the Care at Home Capacity service will get £1.554m to allow for the provision of additional capacity to implement care packages, additional front line social work staff and occupational therapists, the provision of 13 step up beds and 2 step down beds for reablement services and provisions to fund interim care home beds to help combat the delayed discharges.

L Duncan noted that funding available for Interim Care is £1.270m. This includes a carry forward of £0.706m and non-recurring funding of £0.510m. This funding will be used to fund care home beds of which interim care beds cost £1,161 per week and national care home contract rate is £719.50 per week. L Duncan added that with these costs, there will be a shortfall of £0.497m which can be covered using the care home capacity earmarked funds.

L Duncan advised that the Multi-Disciplinary Team have funding of £0.502m which will focus on bringing together professional members of different groups to allow for improved outcomes. L Duncan noted that any remaining balances from this will be reinvested into Biggart Hospital to support discharges.

T Eltringham commended the paper and noted that teams have been working hard using early intervention measures to ensure people are not admitted to hospital. It was also noted that work is ongoing to develop appropriate services for children and young people on the autism spectrum.

The Board agreed the report.

Any Other Business

As there were no further matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 4.20pm.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14th September 2022, at 2pm.