
Minute of Performance & Audit Committee

Date: 30th May 2023

Time: 2pm

Place: MS Teams

Present

Councillor Hugh Hunter (chair)
Councillor Julie Dettbarn (vice chair)
Billy Cooper, SAC Staff Side Union Rep Member

In Attendance

Tim Eltringham, Director of Health and Social Care
Mark Inglis, Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Service
Gary Hoey, Chief Social Work Officer
Billy McClean, Head of Community Health & Care Services
Phil White, Partnership Facilitator
Sheila Tyeson, Senior Manager, Planning, Performance & Commissioning
Fiona Mitchell-Knight, Audit Scotland
Lisa Duncan, Chief Finance Officer
Ewing Hope – VM
Frances Ewan, NHS Staff Side Representative
Jean Ford – VM
Thomas Griffin, Digital Programme Manager
Sandra Rae, Manager, HSCP Learning Disability
Aaron Cyr, HSCP Carers Policy Implementation Officer
Sarah McLeod, Administration Assistant (minutes)

Cllr H Hunter in the Chair

1. Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were noted on behalf on Rachael Graham, Andrew Kerr, Cecila McGhee, Louise Gibson, Andrew Ralph and Angus Brown

No declarations of interest

2. Minute of Previous Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting on 18th April 2023 were approved by the committee.

3. Matters Arising/ Action Log

S Tyeson advised of S Hackney's report which would be discussed later in the meeting. Action log agreed.

4. Mental Health Strategy Update

B McClean will present this report today on behalf of S Hackney upon her absence from the meeting.

B McClean started with advising of the questions set out and to be discussed. It was noted that the gap in staffing is not in regard to recruitment but is in relation to establishment funding for nursing staff. There is a gap of 8 nursing staff.

Pan Ayrshire work has been established in order to facilitate a response to urgent referrals.

There are also a range of technologies being used in adult and older adult community mental health services.

- Apps e.g. sleepio, daylight app
- Online CBT e.g. Silvercloud, Beating the Blues
- Echo for programming range of technology to support home living
- Near me (remote appointments)
- Ring doorbell
- Mobile phone reminders
- Proposal for Digital Navigator to build on previous work of mPower
- Mobile ECG machines for physical health checks

A review of the action plan was undertaken and showed that there wer several duplications or similar actions being used. This resulted in several actions being replaced with more relevant actions. Numbers do not run sequentially as a result.

The new Adult Mental Health strategy will be informed by the new National Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy in Spring 2023. The Strategy will also be linked to the Dementia Strategy and our Strategy – South Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

There are no further specific implications arising from the report.

Cllr Hunter and Cllr Dettbarn approved the report.

5. Social Isolation and Loneliness Strategy

P White shared his presentation on screen. Please see this attached for reference.

P White spoke to the report to the meeting, noting several points. The Social Isolation and Loneliness Strategy 2018-2027 was approved by the IJB Board in June 2019. This strategy is accompanied with an implementation plan, designed to take forward the three key strategic objectives namely 'prevent', 'respond' and 'restore' as well as delivering both local and national outcomes.

The first implementation plan covered the period of 2018-2022, and there has been a recent updating of this plan to cover 2023-2027. This is to support social isolation, changes in community changes planning and funding for things such as the cosy corner, to address the cost-of-living crisis.

There is also the development of the Aging Well Strategy and the associated Age Friendly community which will also provide strategic context.

P White advised to take note that work is taking place by South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership to implement a new LOIP from April 2024.

The support provided through the Scottish Government Mental Health and Wellbeing monies which was distributed through VASA (£337,058) this is the 3rd year of this support. Some of this also went to people to help with the cost-of-living-crisis. There is also a list of successful organisations that received a grant of this fund as listed on the report.

P white explained that the implementation plan for social isolation has run its course and now being updated. It is being looked at for new triggers or transitions. This will be reported back on with updated plans.

J Dettbarn spoke about the community work and how good this was for villages. J Dettbarn advised of the Lloyds Café in Dundonald she attended last week which 100 people attended. This just shows how well these can turn out. This is a fantastic initiative which is fully supported and should be extended into further villages.

Cllr Hunter and Cllr Dettbarn noted the content of the report.

6. Dementia Strategy and Post Diagnostic Support Management Information Report

P White presented his presentation on screen and spoke his way through it to the committee. The current Dementia Strategy is extant from 2018-2023 therefore reaching the end of the existing implementation. Scottish Government is due to launch a new National Dementia Strategy towards the Autumn of 2023.

P White reported on the Life Changes Trust – Dementia Friendly was funded from here and was on 3 days a week also works very well. This is an important piece of work. This should be looked at ruling this out in other areas.

There was also health classes etc run, which one of the team members supported a service user, who shared their story.

With regard to Post diagnostic support, patients are given this support for a year. There are a range of communities happening now for post diagnostic support. There are also things happening in the places such as Troon, Girvan and Maybole.

J Ford asked if this strategy run until 2024, until the new strategy comes out. P White advised to wait and see what comes of June and go from there.

H Hunter asked how long people with a new diagnosis wait for support after this.

P White advised that people receive support starting by doing a screening report by a G.P. this may involve further testing which would lead to booking an appointment at a clinic, if they are diagnosed from here, they are offered support from this moment. There is a set pathway to follow, the support is always there.

Cllr H Hunter and Cllr J Dettbarn report approved.

7. Adult Carers Strategy

P White spoke over his presentation regarding Adult Carers Strategy.

P White advised that we must provide carers support plans, trying to track these over the last three years. This is going well.

It is advised to look at the quality of these and not just numbers. S Rae and S Kelly looked at this late last year which showed regards to commissioning service of carers, there was work done with service users. This is ongoing.

P White spoke about carers active week and the leisure card, the feedback was good and positive from this.

Moving forward there are a lot of new teams, new staff and managers. It is currently being looked at revisiting training and awareness for all new staff.

Next week is Carers week, P white advised of some of the things that will be happening through this week. There is a good set programme of things going on in which will celebrate carers.

H Hunter advised that the work that has been done is fantastic, it has been a long time coming. Encouraging everyone to come together and see the movie which is being showing at Ayr County Buildings, this is a short film put together by carers and their experiences.

G Hoey advised that we should think about how much all of this means to so many people.

H Hunter advised he felt this was a great initiative.

P White – will share the flyer for carers week.

Cllr H Hunter and Cllr J Dettbarn approved this report.

8. Learning Disability Strategy

S Rae reported on The Adult Learning Disability Strategy, this was launched in August 2022, the consultation was robust and shared with over 700 people for further consultation. Our aim was making sure that we were truly listening to the voices of carers, guardians, Attorneys, and those with lived experience in a format that was accessible.

The four main themes within this strategy are –

Health and Wellbeing
Choice and Control
Living Independently
Active Citizenship

There are no implications.

S Rae we are very proud of the work that has been done in this strategy. S Rae also advised of how the team stayed open all the way through COVID 19. There has been lots of work done with Oral Health Care Programme. This area has not got a passport of fast track into Hospital.

Irene Griffin is now in post and would expect there to be progress in time for the next report.

S Rae advised that with the care plan, carers receive up to four weeks respite. People are sign posted to the Carers Centre where there is a review of Day Services. Carers were asked today if they would like Day Services to stay open on public holidays. This will be reviewed.

There is no current action for independent living. Susie Space was named after Social Work colleague who passed away with Breast cancer. This provides a range of support for people not yet diagnosed.

B McClean thanked S Rae and Team for the work that has been done. The strategy has gained a lot of praise from the public and the press.

S Rae advised that the team are clear on priorities and timeframes. There is really good progress on delivering a good strategy.

H Hunter advised on Learning Disability actions 3 and 4 should have been completed by the end of March.

S Rae advised that for Learning Disability action 12 the Pentana update is done and action 11 is to be looked at and discussed.

H Hunter advised that he approves for this to be reported on in June.

The Committee approved this report.

9. Children's Health Care and Justice 6 monthly performance report

M Inglis spoke about the Child Protection Meeting and involving the chair of the Child Protection Meeting in this. This is discussed weekly and quarterly at the managers meetings.

M Inglis spoke about the indicators within the report and advised of the points in red are not worrying. There are still some legacies of COVID 19 causing concerns.

M Inglis advised that they are trying to get Children to stay within the support of the Integration Joint Board with Kinship Care, keeping children at home and not foster care.

J Ford commented on how much positivity M Inglis has spoke about through the report.

M Inglis advised on the next element with Justice, this quarter of March 2023. Working with Children and work encouraging them to unpaid work in avoidance of them coming to Justice. There are some not attending unpaid work. This has been a big difference from pre-Covid. This strategy to this will need to change.

H Hunter asked what is being done to make sure that they do turn up to within the 7 days?

M Inglis advised that this is down to the relationship between them and Social Worker, helping them to understand the positives by doing this. It should be looked at possibly giving them unpaid work that is suitable for them and encouraging for them to attend. This however,

is understandably still a punishment from court. They are always made fully aware that they need to turn up within the 7 days.

J Dettbarn advised that she had a recent meeting with Karen McCluskey, they spent the morning in court and was very impressed at how things were presented. She advised on how good this was.

M Inglis discussed on how difficult children are finding it to attend school post Covid. There was an example given of two high profile adults who had struggled to get their teenage kids to school. This is starting to make realisations of the extent of Covid.

M Inglis spoke about the additional money built on Belmont Family Team model. Building relationships with kids and families, looking at how they can get them into school. Discussions were held over the curriculum and if this is meeting the children's needs of love and nurture. This is a key driver for Children and Services at the moment.

G Hoey advised that there were services stopped during Covid.

Cllr H Hunter approved the report.

10. [Audit Scotland - South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board Annual Audit Plan 2022/23](#)

F Knight spoke on behalf of A Kerr, A Brown was present. F Knight discussed the independent auditors report. It was reported on the independent insurance scope of the audit and lay out. The responsibility is laid out in the plan. Any Committee and Board has to contact about fraud, this is to be discussed with F Knight. It was advised that not every transaction is tested during the audit. There is nothing here to be concerned about as this is a national statistic.

F Knight advised that there is Scottish Government funding in place, the audit shows how well Integration Joint Board is well used and funds.

The audit should be signed off September 2023, however, this could possibly go into October 2023, due to tailing on from the previous.

H Hunter asked about budgeting, are we looking at 2-5 years. How many years rolling budget should we give?

F Knight advised that Audit Scotland would be looking at longer term funding. It is recognised that IJB find it hard to do this though. 2-5 years is medium term.

National framework is not in place, as this is hard to also do this. ideally would be longer term, however, 2-5 years is fine.

11. Terms of Refence

S Tyeson advised Terms of Reference are annually presented to committees, as per Terms of Reference meeting last week.

S Tyeson advised that type errors will be corrected.

S Tyeson welcomed any questions.

S Tyeson asked for the Terms of Reference to be agreed and brought back next year.

Cllr Hunter agreed the report.

Any Other Business

As there was no other business to discuss, Cllr Hunter thanked everyone for their attendance and brought the meeting to a close.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 26th June 2023