

Integration Joint Board 20 October 2022

Subject : **Director's Report**

Purpose : This report is for **awareness** to advise members of North Ayrshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) of developments within North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (NAHSCP)

Recommendation : IJB members are asked to note progress made to date.

Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both	Direction to :-	
	1. No Direction Required	X
	2. North Ayrshire Council	
	3. NHS Ayrshire & Arran	
	4. North Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire & Arran	

Glossary of Terms	
NHS AA	NHS Ayrshire and Arran
IJB	Integration Joint Board
HSCP	Health and Social Care Partnership
IRISR	Independent Review of Inspection, Scrutiny and Regulation
COSLA	Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
NCS	National Care Service
CSWO	Chief Social Work Officer
PEAR	Prevention, Early Intervention and Recovery
CLASP	Community Led Action and Support Project

1.	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
1.1	This report informs members of the Integration Joint Board (IJB) of the work undertaken within North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (NAHSCP), nationally, locally and Ayrshire wide.
2.	BACKGROUND
2.1	This report provides IJB with up to date information on recent activity across the HSCP since the last IJB. The report will also provide COVID related information by exception.

3.	CURRENT POSITION
	<u>National Developments</u>
3.1	<u>Creating Hope Together : Scotland’s Suicide Prevention Strategy 2022-32</u>
	The Scottish Government launched the Creating Hope Together : Scotland’s new Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan on 29 th September 2022.
	The Strategy sets out an ambitious plan for Scotland to implement the first stage of the 10 year strategy and includes four long term outcomes. To achieve the vision within the strategy these outcomes must be delivered to affect change across society, services, communities, and individual experiences.
	The action plan identifies which areas will continue to be focussed on and identify new areas of future work to support delivery of the outcomes. The actions are built around 6 action areas and a workplan will be developed to detail which level the actions will be delivered, e.g., national, local, regional (or a combination), lead partners, resourcing and timescales. Finalisation and publication of the outcomes framework will include key indicators to measure progress in delivering the plan. A copy of the strategy is available through the attached link
3.2	<u>Launch – National Conversation for New Dementia Strategy</u>
	The Scottish Government launched their “National Conversation” for the New Dementia Strategy on 29 th September 2022.
	<p>The aim of the ‘National Conversation’, informed by a short discussion paper, is to meaningfully capture the experiences of people living with or caring for someone with dementia and to enable them to develop a new Strategy that covers all aspects of life for someone living with dementia.</p> <p>It will run from 29th September until 5th December, and can be responded to via Citizen Space.</p> <p>To enable people to respond how they choose, they will also be open to receiving video and audio clips and will also hold a series of online conversations on the Strategy, and will work with partners to facilitate face-to-face discussions in the coming months.</p> <p>For further information, please get in touch at dementiapolicy@gov.scot.</p>

3.3	<u>National Care Service Forum</u>
	<p>The first National Care Service Forum took place in Perth on Monday 3 October and was well attended by people online and in person.</p> <p>The keynote speaker at the event was Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care, and with input from Humza Yousaf MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, and Angela Constance MSP, Minister for Drugs Policy.</p> <p>The forum provided an opportunity for stakeholders, people who access social care, the social care workforce, carers and unpaid carers to share their thoughts about the National Care Service. Group discussion took place around a number of questions and Scottish Government undertook to ensure that the information gathered at the event would be used to help inform the co-design of the NCS.</p> <p>The forum will become an annual event.</p>
3.4	<u>Independent Review of Inspection, Scrutiny and Regulation of Social Care in Scotland</u>
	<p>On 21st September 2022, Kevin Stewart, Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care announced the commission of an Independent Review of Inspection, Scrutiny and Regulation (IRISR) across social care support services. Dame Sue Bruce has been appointed as Chair of the IRISR, supported by Stuart Currie as Vice Chair.</p>
	<p>The IRISR will :-</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) explore how regulation and inspection of social care services and partners who contribute to care and wellbeing can be effectively supported to improve outcomes and experiences for the people of Scotland; (b) ensure regulation, scrutiny and inspection of social care arrangements have a basis in human rights and; (c) ensure appropriate scrutiny of all aspects of the National Care Service (NCS).
	<p>Two advisory panels will be appointed to strengthen and assist the IRISR by providing specialist advice to the Chair, and to inform any recommendations that may be made regarding social care regulation, inspection and scrutiny.</p> <p>The review will include a call for evidence and include a programme of stakeholder engagement in the coming months to ensure input from a wide range of voices, including those seldom heard, to help support the review process.</p>
	<p>Dame Sue Bruce has been asked to report back to Ministers by June 2023.</p>

3.5	<u>Inquiry : Health Inequalities in Scotland</u>
	<p>The Scottish Parliament’s Health, Social Care and Sport Committee published a report of the findings of its recent inquiry into health inequalities in Scotland. The inquiry explored evidence on the fundamental causes of health inequalities and heard a range of evidence from policy-makers across a wide spectrum of policy areas. The report sets out areas for future action at local authority, Scottish Government and UK Government levels and highlights areas where further action is required. A copy of the report can be accessed through this link.</p>
3.6	<u>Health and Social Care : Winter Resilience Overview 2022-2023</u>
	<p>On 4th October 2022, the Cabinet Secretary of Health and Social Care published the annual progress update on the NHS Recovery Plan 2021-2026 which set out a joint set of 8 priorities, agreed with COSLA designed to prepare for winter. A copy of the Winter Resilience Overview document can be found through this link.</p>
	<u>Ayrshire Wide Developments</u>
3.7	<u>Staff Wellbeing Centre, Ayrshire Central Hospital</u>
	<p>During the covid pandemic, staff wellbeing areas were set up across sites within NHS Ayrshire & Arran using existing clinical and training areas that had temporarily closed due to the pandemic.</p> <p>These areas became safe havens for staff and served not only as somewhere for staff to rest and reflect, but also as places to access to a range of well-being services at a time when stress and anxiety was heightened and emotional, physical and mental support was vital.</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran wants to ensure staff continue to have these essential spaces to enhance their emotional, physical and psychological well-being going forward, with newly refurbished centres currently in development at University Hospitals Ayr and Crosshouse and Ayrshire Central Hospital, which will give staff improved access to rest areas separate from the public.</p> <p>The Staff Well-being Centres are accessible to all clinical and non-clinical staff from across our entire health and social care system, with the vision of providing a sanctuary for them to be able to stop, reflect and reconnect with themselves. The centre has rest areas with comfortable seating, along with 2 consulting rooms. Staff are welcome to take their breaks in the centre as it will be open in line with the dining room’s operating hours.</p>
	<p>The first of the new Staff Well-being Centres was officially opened at Ayrshire Central Hospital on 29 September 2022. The centre makes up part of the existing building for the Gallery Dining Room and is a place for all health and social care staff to take a much-needed pause and relax. The official opening was marked with a ribbon cutting</p>

	by the Chief Executive, Claire Burden, and Chair of Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board, Lesley Bowie.
3.8	<u>Caring for Ayrshire Events</u>
	<p>The Caring for Ayrshire Informing and Engagement Programme will recommence during November 2022 starting with three formal launch events in the following areas;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Ayrshire – 15 November 2022, Take a Bow, Kilmarnock KA3 7PH 10-12noon • North Ayrshire – 21 November 2022, Fullarton ConneXions, Irvine KA12 8PE 10-12noon • South Ayrshire – 24 November 2022, Ayr Town Hall, Ayr KA7 1JX 1430-1630 <p>These events provide an opportunity to restart the Caring for Ayrshire conversation and provide an update on progress and next steps.</p>
	<u>North Ayrshire Developments</u>
3.9	<u>Social Work Leadership Event</u>
	<p>The partnership hosted it's first Social Work Leadership Event on Friday 30th September 2022 attended by over 60 participants. The event was hosted by Scott Hunter, CSWO and included presentations from Dr Martin Kettle from Glasgow Caledonian University on Professional Identity which looked at how to strengthen the professional identity of Social Works unique contribution in the context of integrated working. A presentation from Colin Turbett from Common Weal on Community Social Work and the opportunities this presents for North Ayrshire and a presentation from Stuart Muirhead from IRISS on the factors required for effective innovation in Social Work Services. Participants also heard from 2 local managers on examples of successful service development within family support and mental health services.</p>
3.10	<u>Our Community Space Sessions</u>
	<p>A new community project launched in the Garnock Valley earlier this summer is proving to be a huge success.</p> <p>'Our Community Space' sessions run monthly in three Garnock Valley Towns, offering residents a chance to enjoy a chat and meet new people, explore ways to improve their mental and physical well-being and find out what's going on in their communities.</p> <p>The main aim of the drop-in sessions is to reduce social isolation and loneliness, providing a welcoming and informal atmosphere where people can come together to enjoy the company.</p>

	<p>Local organisations and services have also been attending to share valuable information and advice, with representatives from NAC's Housing service, NAHSCP's Money Matters team, the Lennox Partnership, the Scottish Fire Service's Home Safety team, CLASP (Community Led Action & Support Project) and NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Musculoskeletal Pain team having been among the guests to attend so far.</p> <p>Staff from Turning Point Scotland's Prevention, Early Intervention and Recovery (PEAR) Service have also been delivering Naloxone training as part of the project. Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can rapidly reverse an opioid overdose.</p>
3.11	<p><u>Foxgrove Art and Therapeutic Design Newsletter</u></p>
	<p>Foxgrove will provide the first medium secure adolescent inpatient service for young people in Scotland and is a key strand of the Scottish Government's Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027.</p> <p>The purpose-built facility, which is currently under construction within the grounds of Ayrshire Central Hospital in Irvine, will ensure that children can be cared for closer to home and will receive appropriate care, treatment, therapies, security and on-going education.</p> <p>The latest Foxgrove Art and Therapeutic Design Newsletter has now been published, containing information on the inspiration behind the feature wall design at the heart of the building.</p>
3.12	<p><u>Unpaid Carers Update</u></p>
	<p>Two new staff been appointed to the Carers Team to commence work to examine service approaches to identifying and supporting all carers. These appointments also allow the softer front door approach to begin with carers completing a self-referral, proportionate assessment and low-level resource release. The communications and guidance for this are being developed with plans to commence in November.</p> <p>A Prior Interest Notice (PIN) for retender of the Carer information and Support service has been issued to engage a strategic partner to support the design and delivery of our carer services.</p> <p>Pan Ayrshire plans to meet duties under Section 28 Carer Involvement in Hospital Discharge are underway with support from Health Improvement Scotland. This involves two new staff, a referral process and signposting function agreed thus far.</p> <p>Improvement work with NAC Education to increase the identification of young carers and offer of Young Carer Statements is underway with YC Co-ordinators assigned across schools, awareness sessions beginning 11th October and a review of guidance and resources to support YC's and staff.</p>

3.13	<u>SDS Learning Review</u>
	<p>The SDS Learning Review Board is well established with the fourth meeting scheduled at the end of October. This is chaired by Scott Hunter, Chief Social Work Officer, and the membership is representative of local and national partners. The overarching aim of the review is to bring forward a range of recommendations and best practice to strengthen our mainstream model of service delivery across all services in Children & Families and Health & Community Care.</p>
	<p>Early agreements have been reached to consider best practice community social work approaches and delivery. The branching projects have been agreed and are being populated and will commence November 22 – April 23. The scope of these is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Policy & Procedure B) Social Work Practice & Systems C) Intake & Review Systems
	<u>COVID Update</u>
3.14	<u>Social Care Staff Support Fund</u>
	<p>The Social Care Staff Support Fund was due to end on 30th September 2022. The Scottish Government and COSLA have agreed to extend the fund to 31 March 2023.</p>
	<p>This fund is available for social care staff who are absent from work due to having COVID19, or self isolating in line with public health guidance, and will remain in place to support and encourage infection prevention and control in social care settings. Further guidance and eligibility criteria on the funding can be found here.</p>
4.	<u>IMPLICATIONS</u>
4.1	<u>Financial</u> None
4.2	<u>Human Resources</u> None
4.3	<u>Legal</u> None
4.4	<u>Equality/Socio-Economic</u> None
4.5	<u>Risk</u> None
4.6	<u>Community Wealth Building</u> None
4.7	<u>Key Priorities</u> None



5.	CONSULTATION
	No specific consultation was required for this report. User and public involvement is key for the partnership and all significant proposals will be subject to an appropriate level of Consultation.

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Appendices
Nil