



**North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership  
Minute of Special Integration Joint Board Virtual meeting  
held on Thursday 16 July 2020 at 10.30 a.m.**

**Present**

Councillor Robert Foster, North Ayrshire Council (Chair)  
Bob Martin, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Timothy Billings, North Ayrshire Council  
Adrian Carragher, NHS Ayrshire and Arran  
Councillor Anthea Dickson, North Ayrshire Council  
Jean Ford, NHS Ayrshire and Arran  
John Rainey, NHS Ayrshire and Arran  
Councillor John Sweeney, North Ayrshire Council

Stephen Brown, Director of Health and Social Care Partnership  
Caroline Cameron, Chief Finance and Transformation Officer  
Dr Paul Kerr, Clinical Director  
Alistair Reid, Lead Allied Health Professional Adviser  
David Thomson, Associate Nurse Director/IJB Lead Nurse  
David MacRitchie, Chief Social Work Officer  
David Donaghey, Staff Representative (NHS Ayrshire and Arran)  
Louise McDaid, Staff Representative (North Ayrshire Council)  
Graham Searle, Carers Representative (Depute for Marie McWaters)  
Clive Shepherd, Service User Representative  
Vicki Yuill, Third Sector Representative

**In Attendance**

Thelma Bowers, Head of Service (Mental Health)  
Alison Sutherland, Head of Service (Children, Families and Criminal Justice)  
Michelle Sutherland, Partnership Facilitator  
Helen McArthur, Principal Manager (Health and Community Care Services)  
Karen Andrews, Team Manager Governance  
Melanie Anderson, Senior Manager Committee and Member Services  
Angela Little, Committee Services Officer  
Euan Gray, Committee Services Officer  
Carolann McGill, Team Manager ICT

**Apologies for Absence**

Dr. Louise Wilson, GP Representative  
Marie McWaters, Carers Representative

**Unable to Attend due to connection issue**

Janet McKay, Chair (Garnock Valley Locality Forum)

## **1. Chair's Remarks**

On behalf of the Board the Chair expressed condolences to all affected by Covid-19. He thanked HSCP staff for the amazing work that had been done to support the community during this very difficult time.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

In terms of Standing Order 7.2 and Section 5.14 of the Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies, John Rainey declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 – Allied Health Professions Highlight Report 2019, as a family member is employed in this sector.

## **3. Minutes/Action Note**

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2020 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, subject to the addition of a statement explaining that as lockdown measures were being initiated, the meeting had been held with specified members in attendance and all other members had been advised not to attend.

### **3.1 Matters Arising from the Action Note**

The Board noted that as a result of Covid-19 matters have not progressed by the agreed timescales and all actions would be reviewed and updated for a future meeting.

## **4. Appointment to the North Ayrshire Integration Joint Board**

Submitted report by Stephen Brown, Director (NAHSCP) on the change of independent sector representative on the IJB.

On 2 March 2020, Scottish Care confirmed their nomination of Jackie Weston, Regional Manager (Care Concern Group) as their representative on the IJB.

The Board agreed (a) the appointment of Jackie Weston as the independent sector representative and welcomed her to the meeting; and (b) to acknowledge and thank Nigel Wanless for his hard work, dedication and contribution to the work of the IJB.

## **5. Director's Report - COVID - 19 Response**

Submitted report by Stephen Brown, Director (NAHSCP) providing an overview of activity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic by the Health and Social Care Partnership.

The report provided an update on the following areas:-

- Mobilisation Plan
- Service Areas
  - Mental Health & Learning Disability;
  - Health & Community Care;
  - Primary Care;
  - Children and Justice Services;
  - Finance & Commissioning;

- COVID Legislation;
- PPE; and
- Community Support

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- Further detail that will be provided in respect of communication and additional information on hospital discharges for adults with complex support needs;
- Additional recruitment for Care at Home that enabled care packages to be put in place for those returning home from hospital;
- That 16 tenancies have been filled at the complex care unit at Trindlemoss and a further 4 will be filled shortly;
- The balance of risk in terms of reducing services and the risk of Covid-19, support that was provided to families in the community and work to resume respite care and dementia care services;
- The establishment of a Listening Service for staff will be launched on Monday 20 July 2020;
- That there was no current evidence of a correlation for North Ayrshire between an individual being discharged from hospital to a care home and an outbreak of Covid;
- That North Ayrshire had a lower rate of Covid outbreaks than other Council areas;
- Future Mobilisation Plans will include details of areas that will be challenging to restart and positive outcomes, such as the success of the changes that were made to the Methadone Programme in providing individuals with a weekly supply in place of a daily visit to the pharmacy; and
- Over 1 million meals provided to the community during the 3 months of lockdown and an evaluation of the Community Hub models is being undertaken.

The Board agreed to note the report.

## **6. 2019/20 Year-End Financial Performance**

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Chief Finance and Transformation Officer on the IJB's financial performance for the year 2019/20.

Appendix A provided a detailed financial overview of the Partnership budgetary position while Appendix B gave a detailed variance analysis. Appendix C presented an overview of the savings plan, with Appendix D highlighting the movement in the overall budget position.

The Board agreed to (a) note the overall integrated financial performance report for the financial year 2019-20 and the overall reported year-end overspend of £0.154m (after new earmarking); (b) note that this position is after the allocation of £1.486m debt repayment budget from North Ayrshire Council, prior to this the position was an overspend of £1.640m; (c) approve the budget changes outlined at section 2.11; and (d) approve the required earmarking of £0.207m of reserves to reinstate specific ring-fenced Scottish Government funding.

## **7. COVID-19 – Finance Mobilisation Plan Impact**

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Chief Finance and Transformation Officer on the estimated financial impact of Covid-19. Appendix 1 to the report outlined the Mobilisation plan costs submitted to the Scottish Government.

The report outlined the main areas of cost as follows:-

- Payments to Providers (£1.6m);
- PPE (£1.6M);
- Savings delays (£1.5m);
- Nursing – students and bank staff (£0.8m);
- Care at Home capacity (£0.7m);
- Loss of Income (£0.4m);
- staff cover (£0.4m);
- Care Home Beds – delayed discharges (£0.4m);
- other costs (£0.2m); and
- Offsetting costs reductions (- £0.5m)

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- Additional costs of £7.255m based on current assumptions and plans;
- National principles for sustainability payments to social care providers to ensure the sector remains sustainable during the emergency response are currently in place until July and confirmation is awaited that these costs will be funded in their totality, as these costs are part of the overall HSCP Mobilisation plan; and
- The Social Care Staff Support Fund has been communicated to care providers in North Ayrshire, the fund is being administered by the HSCP and any support requires providers to sign a declaration confirming they are paying staff full pay if they are absent due to Covid, any concerns re non-compliance with the fund should be brought to the attention of the HSCP.

The Board agreed to (a) note the estimated cost impact of Covid-19 to March 2021 of £7.2m based on current assumptions and plans; (b) note the financial risks faced by the IJB for 2020-21 until such time as funding is confirmed; (c) receive a follow-up report at the August IJB meeting, including the projected Q1 financial position, scenarios for funding and possible options for financial recovery.

## **8. Allied Health Professions Highlight Report 2019**

Submitted report by Alistair Reid, Allied Health Professional on the Allied Health Professional Highlight Report for 2019.

The report set out the collective objectives for AHP services in North Ayrshire for 2020 and provided an update against each of these priority areas. It gave a summary of the challenges faced in 2019, outlining the objectives for North Ayrshire AHP services for 2020 and the strong contribution that AHPs make for the people of North Ayrshire.

The Board agreed to (a) note the content of the attached AHP Highlight report; and (b) endorse the AHP Service objectives for 2020 outlined within the report.

The meeting ended at 12.15 p.m.