

Integration Joint Board 14th March 2024

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

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>National Care Service</u>
	The legislation, which will see the introduction of a National Care Service for Scotland (NCS), has passed Stage 1 in Parliament.

	<p>MSPs have voted for the general principles of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill.</p> <p>A response from the Scottish Government on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee’s Stage 1 report is published online, this includes the publication of a summary Target Operating Model.</p> <p>Interim response from Scottish Government to HSCS Committees Stage 1 report on the NCS Scotland Bill Scottish Parliament Website</p> <p>Scottish Government intend to make a change at Stage 2 of the Bill to establish a new National Care Service Board (NCS Board), which will include as a minimum the Scottish Government, local government, the NHS, and people with lived experience. The NCS Board will provide oversight and governance of social work, social care support and community health services, with the full scope to be determined as part of the co-design process.</p> <p>The intention will be for services to be planned and delivered at local level by reformed Integration Joint Boards (IJBs), which will be accountable to the NCS Board. Local authorities and the NHS will be represented at both national and local level, and will retain their existing responsibilities, staff and assets to deliver those services.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Publication of Whole Family Wellbeing Funding (WFWF) Year 1 Report</u></p>
	<p>The WFWF Year 1 Process Evaluation Final Report with accompanying annexes has recently been published. This is the final report from an evaluation of Elements 1 and 2 of the Scottish Government WFWF during its first year of operation (2022-2023).</p> <p>The evaluation has been conducted by IFF Research, an independent research agency. The report provides findings on the funding’s administration; the design and set-up of funded activities at Children’s Services Planning Partnership (CSPP) level; implementation of activities to date; and evidence on children, young people and families’ experiences with family support services. Findings on perceptions of progress towards of early outcomes are also included, although this was not the focus of this process evaluation.</p> <p>IFF Research has also offered key recommendations for the programme and for CSPPs to progress with implementation based on the evidence gathered. These relate to workforce development; collaboration within and across CSPPs to build relationships and share knowledge; developing systems for CSPPs to gather feedback; supporting CSPPs to plan for delivering family support beyond the WFWF; and continuing to strengthen gathering relevant data and evidence on and the capacity to use this strategically. More detail on the recommendations can be found within the report.</p>
	<p>In North Ayrshire, the WFWF is being used to fund a range of proposals and new developments to meet the Scottish Government expectations in relation to</p>

	<p>transformational change, co-production and supporting a whole system shift towards early and preventative help for families, while also prioritising the needs of particular groups of families including those on the edge of care. End of year monitoring plans are in place, in line with the Scottish Government monitoring arrangements and WFWF investment areas are making positive progress, including the scaling up and expansion of our Family Centred Wellbeing Service.</p> <p>The WFWF is now halfway through the four year implementation period and Scottish Government have confirmed that the annual allocation to CSSP will remain unchanged for the third and fourth years of the funding. This funding is critical to support North Ayrshire to deliver locally on the aspirations of The Promise.</p>
	<p><u>Consultations</u></p>
3.3	<p><u>UNCRC Act</u></p>
	<p>The consultation on draft statutory guidance on Part 2 and Part 3, section 18 of the UNCRC Act was recently launched, including arrangements to consult with children and young people. A topic guide is available for any organisations that wish to seek the views of the children and young people they work with on the UNCRC Act statutory guidance.</p> <p>The Act requires Scottish Ministers to publish guidance (“statutory” guidance) on Part 2 and Part 3, section 18. It also requires them to consult on that guidance.</p> <p>The consultation will run for 12 weeks closing on 26 May 2024. Responses are invited from organisations and individuals, where the response is not in relation to an organisation. Relevant organisations and networks may wish to respond jointly.</p> <p>Consultation questions 1 – 14 relate to draft Statutory guidance on Part 2 of the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024.</p> <p>Consultation questions 15 – 22 relate to draft Statutory guidance on Part 3 of the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Martyn’s Law Consultation</u></p>
	<p>Consultation on the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, also known as Martyn’s Law was launched on 9th February for 6 weeks, closing on 18th March 2024. The consultation can be found here Martyn's Law: standard tier consultation - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).</p> <p>The Government committed to a further public consultation, specifically on the Standard Tier. This is to ensure the public and those impacted by the proposals have the opportunity to offer in-depth views on the Standard Tier, prior to the legislation’s introduction to Parliament.</p>

	<p>The proposals for requirements for premises in the Standard Tier have been revised to address feedback from the Home Affairs Select Committee and stakeholders, which primarily related to the need for requirements to be proportionate.</p> <p>Those responsible for Standard Tier premises must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify the Regulator that they are, or have become, responsible for premises within scope of the Bill (and so subject to the relevant requirements). This remains broadly in line with previous requirements. • Have in place procedural measures that could be expected to reduce, so far as reasonably practicable, the risk of physical harm to individuals at the premises in the event of an attack. These relate only to the procedures to be followed by people working at the premises in the event of an attack occurring or being suspected as about to occur. As the procedural measures are about procedures for responding to an attack or suspected attack, it is not expected or required that physical alterations be undertaken or additional equipment purchased for Standard Tier premises. • In contrast to the published draft Bill, there is no requirement to complete a specified form (the 'Standard Terrorism Evaluation') for Standard Tier premises or ensure that people working at the premises are given any specific training. However, as part of putting in place the procedural measures, workers will need to be sufficiently instructed or trained to carry them out effectively.
3.5	<p><u>National Drug Deaths Mission – PHS Evaluation</u></p>
	<p>Public Health Scotland published the baseline findings of its evaluation of the Scottish Government's Residential Rehab programme on 14th February 2024.</p> <p><u>Evaluation of the Scottish Government Residential Rehabilitation programme - Publications - Public Health Scotland</u></p> <p>In 2021 the Scottish Government committed £100 million (over five years), as part of its wider National Drug Deaths Mission, in order to improve access to residential rehab for substance use in Scotland. PHS were asked to evaluate this investment.</p> <p>The baseline findings suggest that the Residential Rehabilitation programme is contributing to improvements in access to rehab in Scotland. However, substantial challenges remain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report highlights that the Residential Rehabilitation programme has operated in a challenging implementation climate Scotland-wide, with some areas facing additional challenges. This includes smaller ADP areas that have received smaller funding allocations and have fewer opportunities to achieve economies of scale. This also includes rural and remote ADP areas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From a health inequalities perspective, the report points to the risk of uneven progress across different parts of the country as a potential cause for concern. Ongoing challenges for specific group of individuals in trying to access rehab, including those with caring responsibilities or mental health issues, are also highlighted in this context. • Lack of sufficient funding to purchase rehab placements is still reported as a barrier. The report warns that the funding allocated to Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADP) under the Residential Rehabilitation programme to purchase placements for their residents (£5 million per year) may not be enough to allow everyone who wants rehab – and for whom it is deemed clinically appropriate – to access rehab. <p>Access to Residential Rehab for North Ayrshire residents is supported via NADARs and the ADP with local reporting on impact through the ADP performance report which is presented to the IJB.</p>
	<p><u>Ayrshire Wide Developments</u></p>
<p>3.6</p>	<p><u>Draft Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2024-29</u></p>
	<p>The Community Justice Ayrshire Partnership (CJAP) have published their Draft Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2024-2029, which can be accessed on its website.</p> <p>CJAP brings together statutory and third sector organisations, working together to reduce reoffending and improve outcomes for people affected by the justice system.</p> <p>This plan details the activities that CJAP will carry out across Ayrshire to achieve the National Aims and National Outcomes for Community Justice. It has been developed through a collaborative process involving community justice partners, people delivering community justice services and people with lived experience of community justice.</p>
<p>3.7</p>	<p><u>Break the Silence</u></p>
	<p>Break the Silence, a local charity providing support to people affected by childhood sexual trauma in East and North Ayrshire, has recently secured service accreditation from the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy, and has also been named as the winner of the 2024 Business Excellence Aware by the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>This accreditation demonstrates that a service provider offers an accountable, ethical, professional and responsive service to clients, staff, volunteers and stakeholders. There are currently only two other services registered in Scotland that hold this</p>

	<p>accreditation, marking the charity as one of the leading service providers in the country.</p> <p>Referrals to Break the Silence can be made for any North or East Ayrshire resident aged 18 years and over who has experienced childhood sexual abuse. Individuals will be offered up to 24 sessions of support, which is needs led following a comprehensive clinical assessment.</p>
	<p><u>North Ayrshire Developments</u></p>
3.8	<p><u>North Ayrshire Care at Home Service Delivery</u></p>
	<p>On 16 March 2023, the IJB were presented with a review of Care at Home Service Delivery and asked to consider how the service should be delivered when the current external provider contracts end. The outputs from the review provided an overview of both current service delivery and contractual arrangements and historical information and data including reflections on how the service has responded and adapted through the pandemic.</p> <p>The IJB were supportive of the option whereby people who choose Self Directed Support Option 3 (where the choice of support for care is arranged by the local authority), Care at Home services would be delivered entirely by the Health and Social Care Partnership's inhouse Care at Home Team. As such, when the current contractual arrangement ends on 30 June 2024 these contracts will not be renewed and the Care at Home support delivered by the three contracted Care Providers will transfer to the Partnership's inhouse Care at Home service.</p> <p>A series of events have been arranged, between February and June 2024, for representatives from North Ayrshire Council and the Health and Social Care Partnership to meet with staff from the outgoing care providers. As TUPE will apply, these events will provide an opportunity for staff to receive advice and guidance to ensure they are informed of their rights in relation to TUPE, information in relation to benefits and future employment opportunities, timelines for transition and next steps.</p> <p>The Partnership are working closely with providers to ensure we can retain this valuable workforce via an offer of employment with the inhouse Care at Home service and to minimise the impact on the people we support.</p> <p>The Partnership are aware of the impact this will have on the care providers and as such have supported ongoing discussions with the affected providers for several months. Representatives from the Partnership's commission team are engaging with providers on an individual basis about business continuity and possible options moving forward.</p> <p>The priority will be to ensure the care needs of supported people continue to be met and to support the employment and security of the care workforce.</p>

3.9	<u>Adult Support and Protection Inspection</u>
	<p>The quality of North Ayrshire’s adult support and protection work has been described as “commendable” in a new report published by the Care Inspectorate.</p> <p>A joint inspection of NAHSCP, which included the roles of NHS Ayrshire & Arran and Police Scotland in the adult protection process, took place from September to December 2023 and focused on whether adults at risk of harm were safe, protected and supported.</p> <p>The report stated that “overall, the quality of North Ayrshire’s adult support and protection work across social work and health is commendable. While there is always room for improvement, performance was strong and collaborative in every area of core adult support and protection business, including inquiries, investigations, risk assessments and protection planning. This reflected our findings in the 2017 inspection and was evidence of the Partnership’s sustainability and push for excellence.”</p> <p>The Adult Protection Committee will now produce an action plan on the areas of improvement detailed in the inspection report which will be shared with the IJB on 9th May 2024.</p>
3.10	<u>Grant funding for projects that reduce drug and alcohol related harms</u>
	<p>North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership is inviting applications for grants of up to £10k for projects that can reduce alcohol and drug-related harms in North Ayrshire.</p> <p>This new grant-funding process will see a total sum of £50k awarded to projects run by statutory organisations and third sector/community organisations in North Ayrshire that have a particular focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recovery-based activities in the evenings and at weekends. • developing opportunities for people to take part in activity that could help to develop their skills, try something new, volunteer, or make connections with other people in the community. • proposals that focus on engaging with young people about alcohol and drugs, and challenging stigma in an innovative way. • the provision of community-based activities for children who may be impacted by substance use. <p>Application criteria and guidance can be found on the NAHSCP website. For a copy of the application form, please contact adp@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.</p>
	<u>COVID Update</u>
	No update.
4.	IMPLICATIONS
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