

Integration Joint Board 20th March 2025

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
CSPP	Children's Services Planning Partnership
WFWF	Whole Family Wellbeing Fund
CYCJ	Children and Young People's Centre for Justice
NCS	National Care Service
CHES	Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland

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>Whole Family Wellbeing Funding (WFWF) Year 2 Evaluation.</u>
	<p>Scottish Government recently published the WFWF Year 2 Process Evaluation Final Report with accompanying annexes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Family Wellbeing Funding (WFWF) Programme - Year 2 Process and Impact Evaluation Full Report - gov.scot; and • Whole Family Wellbeing Funding (WFWF) Programme - Year 2 Process and Impact Evaluation Summary Report - gov.scot. <p>This is the final report from an evaluation of Elements 1, 2 and 3 of the Scottish Government WFWF during its second year of operation (2023-2024). The evaluation has been conducted by IFF Research, an independent research agency.</p> <p>The Year 2 evaluation examines the ongoing allocation of WFWF resources by Children’s Services Planning Partnerships (CSPPs) and highlights the progress made in delivering transformative support through collaboration with the Scottish Government. The evaluation also focuses on key factors affecting the WFWF’s core components: improving availability and access, fostering leadership and workforce development, engaging children, young people, and families in service design, and implementing a whole systems approach. CSPPs’ monitoring and evaluation of WFWF performance are also discussed. The report concludes with recommendations from IFF Research for the Scottish Government and CSPPs to guide future progress in these areas.</p>
3.2	<u>Children’s Hearing Redesign Consultation</u>
	<p>The Scottish Government recently published the independent analysis of the Children’s Hearing System Redesign consultation responses, conducted by the Children and Young People’s Centre for Justice (CYCJ). This can be accessed online at: Children’s Hearings Redesign Consultation Analysis Independent Report Commissioned by Scottish Government - gov.scot</p> <p>All responses that gave permission to do so have been published online to the Citizen Space platform, and can be accessed at: https://consult.gov.scot/children-and-families/childrens-hearing-redesign</p>

3.3	<p><u>Online Child Protection Information Resource</u></p>
	<p>The Scottish Government has launched a new online information resource, providing information and guides about keeping children and young people safe in Scotland. This resource provides information about child protection processes and is written for children, young people and families to understand more about how child protection works in Scotland.</p> <p>Visit the ‘Keeping children safe in Scotland’ website to find out more. Downloadable versions of resources can also be accessed via the website, which can then be used offline.</p>
3.4	<p><u>National Care Service Bill Amendments</u></p>
	<p>In February 2025, the Scottish Parliament's Health, Social Care and Sport Committee initiated formal Stage 2 amendment considerations for the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill.</p> <p>The substantive outcome of this meeting was the removal of Part 1 of the National Care Service Bill, related to legislative structural change. This included agreement by the Committee to remove provisions which would have established a National Care Service, new care boards, and provided for the transfer of local authority functions, workforce and assets.</p> <p>Further changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministers must (rather than may) make regulations related to the provision of independent information, independent advocacy and independent advice. • Ministers may by regulations provide for a scheme that allows public health and social care services to share information. • Power for Ministers to produce and withdraw information standards, set out to whom those standards apply, as well as a duty to comply with standards.
	<p><u>Ayrshire Wide Developments</u></p>
3.5	<p><u>Ayrshire Innovation Event</u></p>
	<p>The Ayrshire Innovation in Health and Social Care Event took place on Monday 10 March 2025. This was the fourth in the series of events, to showcase examples of innovation from health and social care services across Ayrshire and nationally.</p> <p>This meeting was attended by colleagues from Public Health Scotland, who spoke about their new Innovation Strategy; the Service Design Academy, which developed the Scottish Government's approach to service design, and colleagues from South Ayrshire HSCP, who shared their new approach to Integrated Impact Assessments.</p>

Additionally, there was a brief run-through of key takeaways from the recent Digital Health and Care Scotland conference in Edinburgh.

North Ayrshire Developments

3.6 **Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES)**

As you will be aware, North Ayrshire is embarking on a new and innovative collaboration to improve health equity in partnership with Public Health Scotland and the Institute for Health Equity, led by Professor Sir Michael Marmot, at University College London. The wide-ranging partnership will examine ways to strengthen and accelerate actions that will reduce health inequities for people living in North Ayrshire, Aberdeen City and South Lanarkshire.



The Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES) programme focuses on using the eight ‘Marmot principles’ to deliver better health outcomes through improving the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. This was launched at an event on 25th February 2025 in the Saltcoats Town Hall where the Marmot principles were explored with a specific view to how we can deliver these principles locally. Further information is available here: [Council and partners launch vital blueprint for health](#).

3.7 **Mobile App for Care Experienced Young People**

A brand-new mobile app for care experienced young people has been launched by North Ayrshire Council.

Called ‘CE4U’ (Care Experience for You), the mobile app is free to download and acts as a hub of useful information and advice on everyday topics, including housing, travel, mental and physical health, recipes, job opportunities and entitlements.

	<p>Developed by young people for young people, the collaboration was made possible due to fortnightly Champions Board meetings that take place in our secondary schools. These drop-ins provide a safe space for care experienced pupils to get advice, plan peer events and access support.</p> <p>You can read more about the app, including how to download, in this latest news article.</p>
3.8	<p><u>North Ayrshire Recovery College Awards</u></p>
	<p>The North Ayrshire Wellbeing & Recovery College won the award for 'Best Mental Health Support Service' at the Mental Health and Wellbeing Scotland Awards 2025 on 21st February 2025.</p> <div data-bbox="220 797 999 1294" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The category celebrates organisations that provide exceptional help to individuals through their daily actions and activities.</p> <p>In addition, Recovery College manager Jeanette Allan picked up the 'Inspirational Leader' award at the event for her dedication to improving the mental health and wellbeing of those who use the service.</p> <p>The organisation also recently celebrated the move to its new base at Ayrshire College at an event attended by key figures, including Ayrshire College management, Recovery College leadership, service partners, staff and peers.</p> <p>The move from Ardrossan to Ayrshire College represents a significant step forward for the Recovery College, providing students with an enriched learning environment. Funded by NAHSCP, the Recovery College is one of only five such services in Scotland, focusing on self-management for mental health and providing a strengths-based approach to learning and recovery.</p>
4.	IMPLICATIONS
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u> None</p>
4.2	<p><u>Human Resources</u> None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Legal</u> None</p>



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