

**Subject:** **Director's Report**

**Purpose:** To advise members of the North Ayrshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) of developments within the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (NAHSCP).

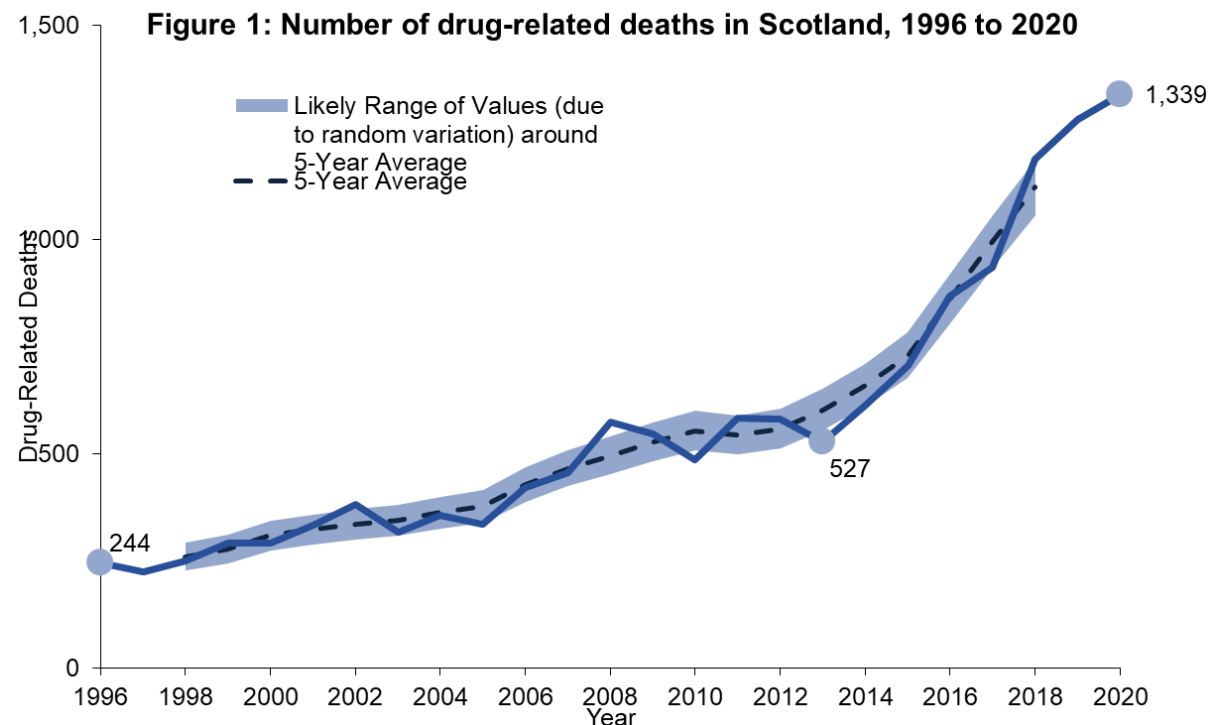
**Recommendation:** That members of IJB note progress made to date.

<b>Glossary of Terms</b>	
NHS AA	NHS Ayrshire and Arran
HSCP	Health and Social Care Partnership
ADP	Alcohol and Drug Partnership
DRD	Drug Related Deaths
MAT	Medication Assisted Treatment
PHS	Public Health Scotland
GIRFEC	Getting it Right for Every Child
ASN	Additional Support Needs
NRAC	NHS Resource Allocation Committee
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

<b>1.</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>
1.1	This report informs members of the Integration Joint Board (IJB) of the work undertaken within the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (NAHSCP) nationally, locally and Ayrshire wide.
<b>2.</b>	<b>CURRENT POSITION</b>
	<b><u>National Developments</u></b>
2.1	<b><u>A National Care Services for Scotland – consultation</u></b>
	<p>The First Minister set out a commitment to start formal consultation for the new National Care Service in the first 100 days of the Parliament with a view to introducing legislation in the first year of the Parliament. This programme of work will ensure the delivery of consistent, high standards of care for everyone across Scotland. Listening to people with lived and living experience to design the systems and services supporting them to live happy and fulfilled lives will be key.</p> <p>The Consultation is now live, and can be accessed here with a closing date for responses of 18<sup>th</sup> October : <a href="#">A National Care Service for Scotland - Scottish Government - Citizen Space (consult.gov.scot)</a></p>

	<p>The consultation is divided into the following themes :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving care for people</li> <li>• The scope of the National Care Service</li> <li>• Community Health and Social Care Boards</li> <li>• Commissioning of services</li> <li>• Regulation</li> <li>• Fair work and valuing the workforce</li> </ul> <p>A series of Scottish Government online engagement events are being held in August, September and October to enable stakeholders, individuals and communities to come together to share their views on the National Care Service. Some of the events will cover all aspects of the consultation, and some will be themed towards specific aspects of the consultation.</p>
	<p>Locally the partnership will produce an engagement plan to involve as many people as possible through the consultation period, to ensure that people with lived and living experience can engage with the consultation in a meaningful way.</p> <p>The consultation will be promoted widely throughout our local networks, through the use of engagement packs and strategies and we will also be facilitating consultation sessions. There will also be arrangements put in place to co-ordinate a North Ayrshire IJB collective response to the consultation.</p>
2.2	<p><u>Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Adult Carers and Young Carers of Terminally Ill Persons : Timescales for Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Carer Statements etc) Regulations</u></p>
	<p>New <a href="#">regulations</a> to support people caring for people with a terminal or progressive illness came into force on 31 July 2021.</p>
	<p>The following steps and timescales must now be adhered to where staff identify an adult or young carer who is caring for a family member or friend with a terminal illness:</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Offer an Adult Carer Support Plan or Young Carer Statement within 2 days of the carer being identified, or as soon as is reasonably practical</li> <li>2. Have a substantive or 'first' conversation within 5 days of the carer accepting the offer of an Adult Carer Support Plan or Young Carer Statement</li> <li>3. Produce a light touch Adult Carer Support Plan or Young Carer Statement within 5 days of the substantive discussion</li> <li>4. Arrange a time to review the Adult Carer Support Plan or Young Carer Statement with the carer, offering the opportunity to complete fully.</li> </ol>
	<p>The new regulations and directions recognise the urgency of supporting carers who are caring for people with a progressive or terminal illness but allow for carers who may not be in a position to engage immediately. You can view the updated Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 Statutory Guidance <a href="#">here</a>, where you can find more information on our duty to support carers.</p>
2.3	<p><u>Drug Related Deaths Statistics</u></p>
	<p>The National Records Office of Scotland published the <a href="#">Drug Related Deaths (DRD) 2020 Report</a> on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The report highlighted 1,339 drug-related deaths registered in Scotland in 2020 (an increase of 5% from 2019). This is the largest number of drug-related deaths since records began in 1996. Scotland's drug-death</p>

rate continues to be over 3½ times that for the UK as a whole, and higher than that of any European country.



Greater Glasgow and Clyde had the highest drug-related death rate of all health board areas, followed by Ayrshire and Arran and Tayside.

NHS Ayrshire & Arran (A&A) – 106 deaths in 2020 compared with 108 in 2019. Comparing to 2019, both East and North Ayrshire have seen a reduction in deaths whilst there was an increase in South Ayrshire.

- North Ayrshire – 39 deaths in 2020 (compared with 41 in 2019) - 33 were males and 6 were females
- East Ayrshire – 36 deaths in 2020 (compared with 41 in 2019)
- South Ayrshire – 31 deaths in 2020 (compared with 26 in 2019)

Despite the small downward trend in North Ayrshire, every death is a tragedy and preventable, the release of the statistics is a reminder that the ongoing work in relation to reducing drug related deaths must continue at pace to save more lives.

The NA ADP continues to support the implementation of the NA DRD Prevention Improvement plan. In addition there are new initiatives being implemented during 2021/22 including, the delivery of new Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) standards (which will ensure quicker access to treatment and increased choice of medications), new and more intensive support to individuals following a Non-Fatal Overdose, new integrated Housing First support service, a Homeless and Addiction Quality Improvement Programme (supported by Healthcare Improvement Scotland), increased mental health and advocacy support as well as enhanced support to individuals accessing and leaving residential detoxification and rehabilitation support programmes.

There are challenges for services in that there are delays in receiving patient specific information in relation to drug related deaths, the information on the 2020 deaths has only just been received. This delay in information sharing impairs our ability to prevent avoidable deaths or to quickly put in place even more proactive ways of working. The ADP will continue to escalate these concerns to the national Drug

	Deaths Taskforce and work with the Scottish Government and the Drugs Policy Unity to resolve this issue.
2.4	<u>Public Health Scotland Report</u>
	<p>Public Health Scotland (PHS) has just published the 'Frontline health and social care workers' views and experiences of the Covid-19 vaccination programme in Scotland' report, which can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>The report contains the findings of a survey which ran between 5 and 19 March 2021 and received more than 7000 responses from frontline health and social care staff.</p> <p>The survey asked questions on their views and experiences of the Scottish Covid-19 vaccination programme in their local area, and covered topics including attitudes towards Covid-19, factors influencing vaccine uptake, experiences of the vaccination process and how the programme could be improved.</p>
	<b><u>North Ayrshire Developments</u></b>
2.5	<u>Joint Inspection of Services for Children at Risk of Harm in North Ayrshire.</u>
	North Ayrshire Council have received formal notification of a multi-agency inspection for children at risk of harm in North Ayrshire.
	The inspection commenced week beginning 16 August 2021 and will conclude over a 6 month period, with a final report expected in March 2022.
	<p>The 4 statements being inspected are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Children and young people are safer because risks have been identified early and responded to effectively.</li> <li>2. Children and young people's lives improve with high quality planning and support ensuring they experience nurturing and loving relationships to keep them safe from harm.</li> <li>3. Children, young people and families are meaningfully and appropriately involved in decisions about their lives and can influence service planning delivery and improvement.</li> <li>4. Collaborative strategic leadership, planning and operational management, ensure that high standards of service delivery are met.</li> </ol> <p>Alison Sutherland, Head of Service for Children, Families and Justice Services is the lead for our inspection and Andrew Keir, GIRFEC &amp; Corporate Parenting Manager, is the inspection co-ordinator and lead for Participation and Engagement.</p>
	Partnership Discussion 1 takes places week commencing 16 August and remote file reading takes place (sample of 60 files) week commencing 20 September with feedback from files expected week commencing 4 October 2021. Whilst there is no change to the inspection methodology the inspectors will adapt the approach to engagement to accommodate any Covid restrictions.
	The inspection process is a welcome opportunity to positively reflect our work in children's services and showcase our collective efforts to ensuring the best possible outcomes for our children, young people and families. We know our successes and we also know our challenges and how we have overcome these - particularly over the past 16 months.

2.6	<u>New Children's Respite Centre – Roslin House</u>
	<p>Roslin House, our brand new, purpose-built respite facility for children and young people with additional support needs, welcomed its first guests on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021. The facility, which is adjacent to the new Lockhart ASN Campus in Stevenston, is an 8-bedroom, state of the art facility providing respite breaks for young people known to North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership's Children and Families Disabilities Team as part of their care and support plan.</p>
	<p>Each en-suite bedroom is equipped with comfortable, homely furnishings and mood lighting, with rooms opening out into a fantastic, landscaped garden with a water feature, BBQ music feature and a heated hang-out den for teenagers. The facility also has an activity wing with an area for arts and crafts, a hi-tech sensory room, quiet room, a games room with sofas and TV, and a kitchen area where young people can eat together or learn cooking skills.</p>
	<p>As well as providing a comfortable, 'home from home' stay for young people, the new facility will provide a bespoke respite experience and offers a smooth transition from Children's to adult respite services in the familiar surroundings of the complex, with the adult respite facility Red Rose House being situated next door. Planning is underway to welcome the first services users to Red Rose House on 27 September.</p>
2.7	<u>Eating Disorder Service – Additional Funding</u>
	<p>On 2nd March 2020, the Scottish Government announced that eating disorder services would be subject to a national review, designed to assess and improve support for people living with an eating disorder.</p>
	<p>The National Review published in March 2021 made 15 recommendations. Recommendation 1 - Covid-19 Response, recommended providing emergency funding to NHS Boards to support services to meet the urgent needs of eating disorder patients and services as a direct result of an increase in the number and severity of eating disorder presentations related to the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>
	<p>Nationally Scottish Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) eating disorder leads have reported an unprecedented increase in the number and severity of children and young people presenting with eating disorders. In the seven health boards able to present data there has been a combined 86% increase in referrals between 2019 and 2020 (range 33% - 280%). This increase is within the context of smaller year on year increases in referrals.</p>
	<p>There has also been an increase in severity of presentations with a nationally identified 220% increase in paediatric admissions reported by two of the regional adolescent in-patient units. This increase in number and severity has also resulted in an increase in adolescent psychiatric admissions. The two regional units able to provide data report a combined 161% increase in eating disorder admissions between 2019 and 2020.</p>
	<p>In Ayrshire and Arran the Eating Disorders service have reported a 55% increase in referrals with a significant proportion of these attributed to young people far exceeding demand and referral patterns in previous years.</p>
	<p>The Scottish Government announced on 18 June 2021 £5 million of funding for financial year 2021/22 to respond to the recommendations from the National Review</p>

	of Eating Disorder Services. Through the Resource Allocation Formula, NRAC, NHS Ayrshire and Arran has been allocated £328,213. Further details are awaited in relation to how the funding is to be used over the course of this financial year and will outline monitoring arrangements.
	The Eating Disorders service in Ayrshire and Arran is an all age service delivered within the governance arrangements of Lead Partnership and Senior Management leadership of CAMHS. The service has commenced a review in response to the Eating Disorders review recommendations and this has also formed part of the programme of work of the CAMHS Extreme Teams. The funding will help prioritise physical health stability, risk reduction, discharge planning and admission prevention in response to the pandemic.
2.8	<b><u>COVID Update</u></b>
	This update continues to offer assurance to IJB on the partnership's continued response to the COVID19 pandemic. The response to the pandemic continues to be recorded through the mobilisation plan.
	The partnership, along with NHS and NAC still operate on an "emergency" footing.
	<b><u>Updates since last IJB</u></b>
2.9	<b><u>Relaxations to Restrictions Beyond Level 0</u></b>
	<p>The Scottish Government announced on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021, further, cautious relaxations to COVID-19 regulations and a retention of a range of protections effective from 9th August for care homes, care at home and supporting housing. A number of restrictions remain in place for health and social care services including physical distancing and self-isolating where guidance is under review. In the meantime a letter was issued on 6 August 2021 advising that, on a short term and interim basis, the advice issued on 15th July for Level 0 continues to apply. The letter recommended that care homes work towards further normalising visiting arrangements for people in and away from the care home.</p> <p>In practice this means increasing opportunities for meaningful contact between residents and their friends and families as much as it is possible to do in a safe and flexible way, for example moving beyond the minimum of two designated visitors and removing any very limiting time restrictions when residents are seeing others in the home.</p> <p>It also means reconnecting residents with each other and through enhanced communal and group activities. Open with Care guidance for Beyond Level 0 is still being finalised at the time of writing. The approach to sustain Level 0 advice in the meantime aims to minimise short term changes while updated advice is finalised for publication in the near future.</p> <p>Whilst enhanced measures and restrictions remain for health and social care services our services remain unable to fully re-mobilise to pre-pandemic capacity levels.</p>
2.10	<b><u>Enhanced Clinical and Professional Oversight Arrangements for Social Care</u></b>
	The Care Home Oversight Group (CHOG) in North Ayrshire was escalated to three times per week due to increasing concerns highlighted in relation to care homes in

	North Ayrshire. This was reduced back to twice weekly on 9 August after a more settled picture. The group continue to monitor and support care homes and monitor the sustainability and resilience in the social care sector.
2.11	<u>Vaccinations</u>
	<p>Based on SG Dashboard <b>93.2%</b> (101,629 people) of adult population in <b>North Ayrshire</b> had received first dose with <b>78.7%</b> (85,881 people) receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.</p> <p>Overall, <b>93.1%</b> (278,947 people) of <b>Ayrshire &amp; Arran</b> adult population received first dose vaccination – <b>78%</b> (233,722 people) second dose.</p> <p><b>Population in Scotland</b> – <b>90%</b> have received 1<sup>st</sup> dose with <b>74.6%</b> receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> dose. Figures as at 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021.</p>
	<p>Vaccination Clinics are presently administering second dose to JCVI Cohorts 11 and 12 (18 to 39 year olds) and are expected to complete by end August.</p> <p>Additional drop-in clinics are being held to encourage take up of the vaccine.</p>
	<b>Covid-19 vaccination of children aged 12-15 years.</b>
	<p>The Scottish Government, guided by the clinical and scientific advice on vaccination provided by the JCVI, advise that vaccination will be offered to eligible children in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children aged 12-15 years of age with severe neuro-disabilities, Down's Syndrome, underlying conditions resulting in immunosuppression, and those with profound and multiple learning disabilities or who are on the learning disability register;</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children aged 12-15 years of age who are household contacts of adults or children who are immunosuppressed, based on the potential for additional indirect protection.</li> </ul> <p>These eligible children will be issued invitation letters and will be vaccinated in Mass Vaccination Centres in due course.</p>
	<b>Covid Vaccine for 16/17 Year Olds.</b>
	<p>Sixteen and seventeen-year-olds will be offered the Covid 19 vaccine in the coming weeks and will not need the consent of their parents to get a vaccine.</p> <p>The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that the rollout should be extended to include 16 and 17-year-olds after reviewing the latest data.</p> <p>They are expected to receive the Pfizer vaccine, which has been approved for use in the UK for people aged 12 and over.</p>
	<b>Covid Booster &amp; Flu Programme</b>
	The programme will be offered in 2 stages from September, starting with those most at risk from serious disease.

	<p>Stage 1 of the booster vaccination programme for 2021 – 2022, the following groups will be offered a booster dose and the flu vaccine from September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults aged 16 years and over who are immunosuppressed</li> <li>• Those living in residential care homes for older adults</li> <li>• All adults aged 70 years or over</li> <li>• Adults aged 16 years and over who are considered clinically extremely vulnerable</li> <li>• Frontline health and social care workers</li> </ul>
	<p>Stage 2, the following groups will be offered a booster dose as soon as practicable after Stage 1, with equal emphasis on the flu vaccine where eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All adults aged 50 years and over</li> <li>• All adults aged 16 to 49 years who are in an influenza or Covid-19 at-risk group</li> <li>• Adults household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals</li> </ul> <p>As most younger adults will only receive their second covid-19 vaccine dose in late summer, the benefits of booster vaccination in this group will be considered at a later time when more information is available.</p> <p>Planning is now well underway to deliver the above programme including identifying suitable premises across North Ayrshire for vaccination centres, as some of the previously used facilities will not be available due to buildings returning to their original use.</p>
2.12	<b><u>Community Testing</u></b>
	<p>A four week rolling programme has been established for the siting of a symptomatic mobile testing unit across North Ayrshire. Attendance at the MTUs continue to be very positive. When notified of potential outbreak in a neighbourhood we can very quickly deploy the unit to assist citizens with easy access to symptomatic testing.</p>
	<p>As previously reported Asymptomatic Test Centres have also been established but unlike the Mobile Testing Units, attendance has been quite poor. We are therefore changing our model of delivery from static sites to mobile asymptomatic units and are hoping to receive vehicles within the next 4/6 weeks.</p>
2.13	<b><u>Staff Testing</u></b>
	<p>Lateral Flow Device Testing continues for all frontline health and social care staff who are in regular contact with users of our services.</p> <p>Staff are testing twice weekly and self-uploading results, with 24,262 results recorded at time of writing.</p> <p>Residential Children's house staff continue to undertake weekly PCR testing.</p>
2.14	<b><u>Anticipated Outcomes</u></b>
	Not applicable.



2.15	<b><u>Measuring Impact</u></b>
	Not applicable
<b>3.</b>	<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>

<b>Financial:</b>	None
<b>Human Resources:</b>	None
<b>Legal:</b>	None
<b>Equality:</b>	None
<b>Children and Young People</b>	None
<b>Environmental &amp; Sustainability:</b>	None
<b>Key Priorities:</b>	N/A
<b>Risk Implications:</b>	N/A
<b>Community Benefits:</b>	N/A

<b>Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both</b>	Direction to :-	
	1. No Direction Required	√
	2. North Ayrshire Council	
	3. NHS Ayrshire & Arran	
	4. North Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire & Arran	

<b>4.</b>	<b>CONSULTATION</b>
4.1	No specific consultation was required for this report. User and public involvement are key for the partnership and all significant proposals will be subject to an appropriate level of consultation.
<b>5.</b>	<b>CONCLUSION</b>
5.1	Members of IJB are asked to note the ongoing developments within the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

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