

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.

Glossary of Terms	
NHS AA	NHS Ayrshire and Arran
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 the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (NAHSCP) nationally, locally and Ayrshire wide.
2.	CURRENT POSITION
	<u>Ayrshire Wide Developments</u>
2.1	<u>Community Justice Ayrshire Partnership publishes annual report</u>
	<p>The Community Justice Ayrshire Partnership has published its annual report for 2020-21, which you can read online here.</p> <p>Community Justice Ayrshire has taken some time over the last six months to review its partnership and to ensure that the right structures are in place to be successful in reducing reoffending across Ayrshire.</p> <p>The most significant change with its newly invigorated look and message is a change of name from Community Justice Ayrshire to the Community Justice Ayrshire Partnership to reflect the theme of working together to affect real change.</p> <p>You can follow the Community Justice Ayrshire Partnership on Twitter at @CJAyrshire</p>

	<u>North Ayrshire Developments</u>
2.2	<u>North Ayrshire to pilot new drugs service</u>
	<p>Scotland has seen a year on year increase in drug-related deaths, with recent data confirming that people found alone accounted for 44 percent of deaths.</p> <p>The charity 'We are With You' has launched 'Never Use Alone', a new phone line backed and funded by the Scottish Government to help mitigate the risks of using drugs alone.</p> <p>North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership, as part of its priority commitment to prevent drug related deaths, has volunteered to be a part of this innovative pilot in order to support individuals in North Ayrshire. The service will initially be available throughout Ayrshire and Glasgow before being rolled out across Scotland.</p> <p>This is an exciting and important opportunity to provide support and add another layer of protection and intervention to save lives within our local communities.</p> <p>The phone line has been developed in consultation with the Scottish Ambulance Service and relevant local authorities. It aims to help anyone who wants to stay safer when using drugs alone by allowing staff of the phone line to intervene and alert emergency services should the caller become unresponsive, as well as providing information to emergency workers on what substances have been used.</p> <p>'Never Use Alone' can be contacted on freephone 0808 801 0690.</p>
2.3	<u>Drug awareness resources</u>
	<p>A key component to preventing drug related deaths is to reduce the risk for people who take harmful drugs.</p> <p>The North Ayrshire Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service (NADARS), in partnership with the Scottish Ambulance Service and mental health liaison services, has developed a new pathway of support to ensure everyone who experiences a non-fatal overdose is provided with quick and intensive follow-up support.</p> <p>NAHSCP and the North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership are committed to ensuring that all overdoses are prevented from becoming fatal. It is also important that services and people who use drugs have access to up to date information about the risks of drug use and how to reduce harms.</p> <p>Local information has been received about increased polydrug use (the mixing of different drugs), which can have long term or fatal consequences.</p> <p>The below resources are available, and for advice or information the local NADARS service can be contacted on 01294 476000.</p> <p><u>Benzos: Information Guide on Use, Effects, Safety and Help</u> <u>Etizolam Information Sheet</u> <u>Street Valium poster</u> <u>Downer Deaths Information Booklet</u></p>
2.4	<u>16 Days of Action campaign</u>

	<p>This year's 16 Days of Action campaign will again shine a light on domestic abuse and the support available.</p> <p>The Violence Against Women Partnership will be supporting the White Ribbon initiative, which promotes an end to violence against women and directly addresses men – so they understand the scale of the problem and become part of the solution.</p> <p>The 16 Days campaign will also see the launch of the Ask for Angela initiative. Originally launched in England in 2016, it is used by bars and other licensed venues to keep people safe from sexual assault. Customers can ask a staff member for 'Angela' - a codeword to identify that they are in danger or an uncomfortable situation.</p> <p>Follow the North Ayrshire Violence Against Women Partnership on Twitter at @NorthAVAWP for more information on domestic abuse and where to find support. Or for more info on White Ribbon Scotland, click here</p> <p>This year's Reclaim the Night walk was held on Tuesday 7 December 2021. This annual event raises awareness about the dangers to women and girls from sexual violence and promotes a safer environment for women and girls to walk without fear after dark.</p> <p>You can find out more here.</p>
2.5	<p><u>Communities Mental Health and Well-being Fund</u></p>
	<p>Applications are now open for the North Ayrshire Communities Mental Health and Well-being Fund, for funding of up to £2,000, £10,000 and £50,000.</p> <p>The aim of the fund is to support initiatives that promote mental health and well-being for adults at small scale, grassroots, community level. It is accessible to small and medium sized groups whose income is no more than £1m.</p> <p>To read more, or for an application form, visit the funding page of the Arran CVS website here.</p> <p>If you have any further enquiries, call 01770 600 611 or email carol.norton@arrancvs.org.uk</p>
2.6	<p><u>National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service (NSAIS) – New Logo</u></p>
	<p>A series of consultation activities to select a Logo design for the new 12 bedded National Secure Adolescent Inpatient service (NSAIS) facility on the grounds of Ayrshire Central hospital, was undertaken in June 2021.</p> <p>The facility will admit young people aged 12yrs up until 18th birthday with a range of complex mental health difficulties and risk, which cannot be managed within other mental health services in Scotland.</p> <p>The project team for Foxgrove- NSAIS have been working alongside Art Strategists (Freemantle Consultants/Lindsay Perth) and NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Graphic Designer to design and develop a Logo. The consultation activity is now concluded and we have a final design of the Foxgrove Logo.</p>



In order to devise a suitable Logo for Foxgrove there was a series of consultation activities which included engagement workshops with young people from various youth group forums, Kibble and Good Shepherd, as well as consulting with the Public Reference Group. The logo that was favoured the most is inserted above. The logo has been circulated to stakeholders and also the projects steering group and project board, and has received positive feedback.

COVID Update

This update continues to offer assurance to IJB on the partnership's continued response to the COVID 19 pandemic. This response continues to be recorded through the mobilisation plan.

The partnership, along with NHS and NAC still operate on an "emergency" footing.

Updates since last IJB

2.7 Vaccinations

Covid 19 Data Dashbard

Based on SG Dashboard **93.2%** of 12 years plus population **in North Ayrshire** have received first dose vaccination with **85%** receiving 2nd dose; **33.7%** have also received booster or dose 3.

Overall, **93.5% of Ayrshire & Arran** 12 years plus population received first dose vaccination – **85.5%** second dose and **35.5%** booster or dose 3.

Population in Scotland – **90.7%** have received 1st dose; **82.5%** 2nd dose and **34.1%** booster or dose 3.

Third primary dose is administered to immunosuppressed cohorts only.

Please note measures now based on people aged 12 years and over. Figures as at 28th November 2021 from Scottish Government website.

Covid 19 Programme Delivery (including Influenza Vaccinations)

Ayrshire & Arran Health Board continue to deliver the Covid 19 and Influenza Vaccination programmes as prioritised by JCVI guidance.

- Drop-in clinics continue to be made available for first and second dose vaccinations.
- Childhood Flu Immunisation clinics– 2-5 year olds, primary and secondary school age are now nearing completion.
- Residents in care homes now complete with mop-up clinics being held to capture all remaining staff.

- Frontline health & social care workers booster and flu vaccination programme due to complete within next two weeks – mop up clinics will continue to be held.
- GP Practices, supported by health board staff, have delivered to the majority of over 80s and housebound residents. As at 1 December 2021, date approx. 380 still to be appointed - further sessions have been organised to capture these remaining numbers over the next few weeks.
- 16 years and over “at highest risk clinically extremely vulnerable” clinics continuing to run into December to capture all within this cohort.
- 16 -59 year olds “at risk – with underlying health conditions” – clinics continue throughout December also.
- 60-69 year old booster clinics - November into December.
- 50-59 year old booster clinics – national portal is open for appointments
- 40 – 49 year old booster clinics – national portal is open for appointments
- 16 & 17 year old second dose – national portal is open for appointments

Due to demographics on Arran the programme has been delivered differently with delivery of all of above cohorts nearing completion – planning now underway to capture further booster guidance.

Following further Scottish Government guidance on programme acceleration and further expansion of the booster programme planning is underway on modelling delivery of same.

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Community Testing

Within North Ayrshire there is currently a range of both Symptomatic Testing (for people with COVID-19 symptoms) and Asymptomatic Testing (for people with no COVID-19 symptoms). All testing is free.

Symptomatic Testing (for people with COVID-19 symptoms)

Mobile Testing Unit (MTU)

MTU's rotate between 7 different venues throughout North Ayrshire (Quarry Road in Irvine, Dreghorn Fire Station, Kilwinning Fire Station, Auchenhavie Leisure Centre in Stevenston, Dalry Community Fire Station, Beith Community Centre and Vikingar Leisure Centre in Largs). The MTU allows anyone with COVID-19 symptoms to get a free swab test as part of the Governments drive to improve the accessibility of coronavirus testing for communities. MTU's operate 7 days a week (winter opening times 1000 – 1630 hours). People book a test either through NHS Inform website or alternatively phoning, details and link on how to book a test are on North Ayrshire Council Website.

Walk-Through Test Centre

With effect from Saturday 27th November 2021 - Harbour Road Car Park in Irvine is being used as a temporary local facility (for a period of 6 months) for people who have COVID-19 symptoms to get a free swab test as part of the Government's UK-wide drive to improve the accessibility of coronavirus testing for communities. The walk-through test centre is in addition to the existing Mobile Testing Units and will provide another way for people without access to a vehicle to book appointments, and to improve access to testing in communities.

As is the case with the Mobile Testing Units the unit will be operated by Scottish Ambulance Service personnel on behalf of the Scottish Government and will operate 7 days a week with opening hours from 0800 to 2000 hours, as with MTU's appointments must be booked in advance.

Asymptomatic Testing (for people with no COVID-19 symptoms)

Asymptomatic testing helps to identify positive cases and break the chains of transmission of Coronavirus (Covid-19). This helps to provide additional protection for our communities.

In North Ayrshire the Asymptomatic Testing Centre rotates on a fortnightly basis between 2 venues, namely; Unit 24 (shopfront unit) in Bridgegate, Irvine and Brisbane Centre in Largs. The Testing Centres are open 7 days a week from 1000 to 1800 hours. Centres operate on a walk-in basis with no booking required.

The Asymptomatic Testing Centres are manned by NHS Ayrshire and Arran contracted staff.

In addition to the Asymptomatic Testing Centres people can also collect testing kits from local community pharmacists or by ordering through NHS Inform website. Details and links are detailed in the Coronavirus Information section on NAC website.

Moving forward the plan is to move to a more mobile testing model. NHS Ayrshire and Arran are undertaking programme of works at present which will provide a mobile testing vehicle along with a welfare vehicle for each local authority. This will give greater flexibility in terms of taking testing to every town in North Ayrshire on a rotational basis and will also allow testing to be targeted to “hot-spots” as they arise.

2.9 Staff Testing

Lateral Flow Device Testing continues for all frontline health and social care staff who are in regular contact with users of our services.

3. PROPOSALS

3.1 Anticipated Outcomes

Not applicable.

3.2 Measuring Impact

Not applicable

4. IMPLICATIONS

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

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

	4. North Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire & Arran	
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5.	CONSULTATION
5.1	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.
6.	CONCLUSION
6.1	Members of IJB are asked to note the ongoing developments within the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

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