

**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 the IJB note progress made to date.

<b>Glossary of Terms</b>	
NHS AA	NHS Ayrshire and Arran
HSCP	Health and Social Care Partnership

<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>National Developments</b>
<b>2.1</b>	<u>Programme for Government</u>
	The Scottish Government launched their Programme for Government on 1 <sup>st</sup> September. Chapter 2 in the document outlines the Health and Social Care aspects. The headlines from this chapter include :-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Continue to suppress – and preferably eliminate – COVID-19.</b></li> <li>• <b>Remobilise our NHS Services</b> focusing on (1) a move to deliver safely as many of its normal services as possible; (2) ensuring the capacity that is necessary to deal with the continuing presence of COVID-19; and (3) preparing the health and care services for the wider pressures of the winter season</li> <li>• <b>Extend the seasonal flu vaccine</b> to those working in social care who provide direct personal care, those over 55, those living with someone who is shielding, and those aged 50-54 depending on vaccine supplies, to protect people and our NHS this winter.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediately establish <b>an independent review of adult social care</b>. This will examine how adult social care can most effectively be reformed to deliver a national approach to care and support services. <b>This will include consideration of a national care service</b>. This will report by Jan 2020. The Terms of Reference can be accessed through this <a href="#">link</a></li> <li>• Implementation of the <b>Drug Deaths</b> Taskforce recommendations</li> <li>• Create a new role of <b>Patient Safety Commissioner</b></li> <li>• New NHS <b>pay award</b> being negotiated and consideration being given in this in relation to rewarding staff for their recent efforts</li> <li>• <b>Scale up access to digital care</b> – for both physical (Near Me video consultations) and mental health (Cognitive Behavioural Therapies) care and. Develop its use in <b>social care</b> with initial focus on care homes.</li> <li>• Develop a nationwide <b>network of community treatment centres</b> to help patients manage their conditions and get treatments closer to home</li> <li>• <b>Redesign our accident and emergency services</b> to ensure patients get safe and effective care in a way that protects them from exposure to COVID-19</li> <li>• <b>Expand mental health and wellbeing support for health and social care staff</b>, including the development of a Health and Social Care Mental Health Network and enhanced access to digital resources</li> <li>• Implement a <b>Workforce Specialist Service</b>, which will provide confidential assessment and treatment for mental ill health. This will be delivered through a multi-disciplinary team of mental health care providers, and be supported by the continued delivery of digital wellbeing resources through the <b>National Wellbeing Hub</b> and the <b>National Wellbeing Helpline</b></li> <li>• Establish community <b>health and wellbeing services that will support children, young people and their families</b> – and have a particular focus on mental health – across all local authorities in 2021</li> <li>• Work with Boards to <b>retain, develop and support Mental Health Assessment Centres</b>, as part of a broader approach to improving access to appropriate help as quickly as possible for people with mental health needs or distress</li> </ul>
	The full document can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .
	<b><u>Ayrshire Wide Developments</u></b>
2.2	<b><u>Learning Disability Information App</u></b>
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	<div data-bbox="290 1498 775 1924" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="794 1498 1487 1924" data-label="Text"> <p>The new NHS A&amp;A Autism, ADHD, FASD, Learning Disability Information App was launched on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020.</p> <p>The app provides a single space for local and national information on Autism, ADHD, FASD and Learning Disability. It is free and very easy to find. To get the app download “NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran” container app by searching “NHS Ayrshire &amp; Arran” in your Apple or Android app store.</p> </div>
	If you have any information you would like to share through the App please email <a href="mailto:david.campbell3@aapct.scot.nhs">david.campbell3@aapct.scot.nhs</a>
	<b><u>North Ayrshire Developments</u></b>

2.3	<p><u>Suicide Prevention Week – 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020</u></p>
	<p>Every year in September a wide community of people across the world take time to raise awareness and consider the impact of suicide in our communities.</p> <p>Since 2002, when the Scottish Executive launched “Choose Life – A National Strategy and Action Plan to Prevent Suicide in Scotland”, this week in September has been used to raise the profile of the work, activity and experiences of those helping to achieve the target of reducing suicides across Scotland</p> <p><b>During Suicide Prevention Week 2020 in North Ayrshire :-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The 13 ways social media campaign for young people was re-launched to promote positive responses to those expressing suicidal thoughts and which supports young people to help and support each other</li> <li>❖ The North Ayrshire campaign “<b>13 ways to support your friend</b>” will seek to promote positive suicide prevention information which promote the message that suicide is not the solution</li> <li>❖ This year there was a recorded “Zoom” discussion with some of those involved in the original campaign highlighting how young people have been coping during lockdown and their thoughts on how relevant the messages still are.</li> <li>❖ Young people especially, and all partner organisations, will be encouraged to share Instagram, Tweets, and Facebook posts promoting the 13 key messages</li> <li>❖ The new National Campaign “United to prevent Suicide” featured across many digital platforms with new branding and new messages to highlight Scotland’s commitment to preventing Suicide</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Key messages and other mental health information displayed across Council and other partner websites and social media.</li> <li>❖ Social Services Access teams are working on their own pathway for supporting young people referred to them after a suicide attempt-in order to ensure consistent support and information for the young people and their families.</li> <li>❖ Work continues across the area in addressing crisis interventions through local Distress Brief Interventions work in partnership with frontline staff such as police, primary care and ambulance.</li> </ul>

	<b>COVID Update</b>
2.4	<p><u>Support for Commissioned Care Providers</u></p> <p>COSLA Leaders and the Scottish Government have agreed an approach to supporting the social care sector to ensure that reasonable additional costs will be met. A consistent set of principles are in place to ensure that the social care sector remains sustainable during the emergency response to COVID 19. These principles have been agreed by Scottish Government on the basis that they will meet all reasonable additional provider costs as they are aligned to mobilisation plans.</p> <p>Transitional arrangements for the national principles for sustainability payments have been agreed and are in place from September 2020 onwards.</p> <p>There are two main areas:</p> <p><i>Social Care Staff Support Fund:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criteria and eligibility is set out in the Coronavirus (Social Care Support Fund) Regulations 2020 and accompanying guidance <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• Providers should pay staff who are absent from work as a result of COVID 19 their expected income (as defined by Employment Rights Act 1996).</li> <li>• The current regulations are in place until the end of September, this is under review by Scottish Government.</li> <li>• Consideration is being given to extending this beyond the end of September.</li> </ul> <p><i>Social Care Sustainability Payments:</i></p> <p>On 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020 the Scottish Government and COSLA Leaders agreed the transitional arrangements for Social Care Sustainability payments. These are :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care Home Occupancy Payments will begin to taper with 75% of voids caused by the continued impact of COVID paid in September, 50% in October and 25% in November. These will continue to be paid at 80% of the National Care Home Rate;</li> <li>• The planned care approach for care and support and community-based services will remain in place until the end of October to allow a transition period;</li> <li>• Additional costs for personal protective equipment, infection prevention control and staffing related costs, in line with Scottish Government guidance, will continue to be met in line with current arrangements and are subject to ongoing review and engagement with the sector; and</li> <li>• Social Care Support Fund payments will continue subject to extension of the regulations.</li> </ul> <p>In North Ayrshire we are working closely with our commissioned care providers to assess claims for support and also to understand and support the development of future business models to ensure ongoing sustainability. The Commissioning Team issued a survey to all providers to gather their feedback on the Covid-19 response and the responses are being collated, this will be reported back to the IJB at a later date.</p>
2.5	<p><u>Care Homes</u></p>

	All Care Homes in North Ayrshire remain COVID-free with no current outbreaks to report. Weekly staff testing in Care Homes has continued to improve with over one thousand staff per week now being tested. As restrictions have been lifted relating to visiting within Care Homes, risk assessments have been consistently submitted by Care Homes in advance of each phase. These have been scrutinised and signed-off by the Care Home Oversight Group and the Director of Public Health.
	Work is now underway to vaccinate Care Home staff and residents for seasonal flu.
<b>3.</b>	<b>PROPOSALS</b>
3.1	<b><u>Anticipated Outcomes</u></b>
	Not applicable.
3.2	<b><u>Measuring Impact</u></b>
	Not applicable

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

<b>5.</b>	<b>CONSULTATION</b>
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.
<b>6.</b>	<b>CONCLUSION</b>
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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