

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
IJB	Integration Joint Board
CSWO	Chief Social Work Officer
INWO	Independent National Whistleblowing Officer

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>National Developments</u>
2.1	<u>National Whistleblowing Standards update</u>
	National Whistleblowing Standards came into effect across NHS Scotland on April 1 and have changed the way that whistleblowing concerns are handled in NHS Boards. Individuals will also be able to raise a whistleblowing concern directly with an Independent National Whistleblowing Officer (INWO). These changes will affect all staff, whether employed by the NHS, NAHSCP or within the Third Sector.
2.2	<u>Mental Health Renewal Fund</u>
	The Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Finance announced on 16 th February 2021, an £120m recovery and renewal fund for Mental Health services. A further letter from Clare Haughey, Minister for Mental Health, provided further clarity regarding priorities and intentions for the funding.
	The letter confirmed that the Scottish Government are working to a one-year budget and the renewal fund will be non-recurring. To date, there has been no

	<p>confirmation of the specific funding to be allocated to Ayrshire and Arran or the associated criteria for expenditure that will be expected for this investment.</p>
<p>2.3</p>	<p><u>Cossette Report</u></p>
	<p>In October 2020, the Scottish Government published a report by Dr Nadine Cossette on the mental health needs of patients hospitalised due to COVID-19. Since then, work has been underway through a Short Life Working Group to operationalise the recommendations made in this report, particularly the central recommendation to establish a network of mental health clinicians dedicated to supporting people who were hospitalised due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Clare Haughey, Minister of Mental Health has approved national funding totalling £1.5 million per annum over three years to support establishment of the network of mental health clinicians. This includes funding for a specialist advisory group that will offer guidance and support to clinicians based in Boards. £1.4 million of funding per annum will be disseminated directly to Boards with allocations based on the 2020-21 NRAC formula.</p>
<p>2.4</p>	<p><u>30 April 2021 International Care Experienced Day of Remembrance</u></p>
	<p>The first ever International Care Experienced Day of Remembrance, was held on April 30th, 2021, as part of Care Experienced History Month.</p> <p>Care Experienced people have been present in communities and cultures across the world for centuries. Throughout history, there are many Care Experienced people who have made an impact on societies in all corners of the globe. This day was to honour their legacy.</p> <p>The International Care Experienced Day of Remembrance was on Friday, April 30th, 2021 to mark the end of the first ever Care Experienced History Month.</p> <p>Care Experienced people across the world are engaged in a social media remembrance campaign featuring the symbol of remembrance of Care Experienced people to spark a global conversation.</p> <div data-bbox="268 1440 957 1825" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>This symbol has been created by Care Experienced people, to commemorate Care Experienced people throughout global history. The image represents a bridge from the past to present; a bridge to the people, a bridge to the future and bridging the divide in understanding of the history of Care Experienced people.</p>

	<u>North Ayrshire Developments</u>
2.5	<u>Life Hacks for Young Artists</u>
	A group of young NAHSCP service users are about to participate in the Life Hacks Art Project, which is run by The National Galleries of Scotland.
	Each young person will receive a pack of art supplies that will allow them to participate in various online sessions with local artists over the coming weeks, where the artists will give an insight into their creative process and what inspires them, as well as setting challenges for the participants to take part in.
	The end goal is to create a piece - or pieces - of art that will be part of an exhibition later in the year and will also tie in with some work that will be happening around mental health and well-being for young people.
2.6	<u>Honour for NADARS Nurse</u>
	James Hill, Advanced Nurse Practitioner with North Ayrshire Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service, has been awarded the title of Queen's Nurse.
	The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland is a charitable organisation which is at the heart of promoting excellence in community nursing. There are currently 81 Queen's Nurses within Scotland, with four representing Ayrshire and Arran.
	The role of the Queen's Nurse includes promoting compassionate, high-quality, community-based health and care; developing leadership at every level; influencing community nursing policy and practice, and advancing research, development and education in community nursing.
	James continues to provide nursing care in the community to individuals with alcohol and drug issues whilst advocating on their behalf, promoting inclusion and challenging stigma.
2.7	<u>Foster Care recruitment campaign</u>
	North Ayrshire HSCP's local campaign has been launched in relation to foster carer recruitment for sibling groups. The campaign, which aligns directly to The Promise, will raise awareness through the local media, social media, billboards, petrol pumps, leaflets and newsletters. Hopefully this will encourage some recruitment for adopters and foster carers to take sibling groups so that we can maintain or unite siblings in accordance with the impending introduction of the new sibling requirements.
2.8	<u>COVID UPDATE</u>
	This update continues to offer assurance to IJB on the HSCP's continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The response to the pandemic continues to be recorded through its "mobilisation plan" which was submitted to the Scottish Government in July. The next iteration of the plan to March 2022 was submitted by the Board at the end of February.
	The partnership, along with NHS and NAC continue to operate on an "emergency" footing.
	<u>Updates since last IJB</u>

2.9	<u>Open for Care – visiting health, social care and other services in care homes and community activity.</u>
	The Scottish Government published updated advice on 14 th April 2021 on the return of health, social care and other services who contribute to the health and wellbeing of people living in care homes. This included guidance on the staged return of visiting professionals to care homes. The return of these services will be tailored to local circumstances and are planned and co-ordinated with each care home to manage footfall and minimise burden and risks on the care home.
2.10	<u>Enhanced Clinical and Professional Oversight Arrangements for Social Care</u>
	The Cabinet Secretary wrote to all HSCP Chief Officers, CSWOs, Nurse Directors, DPH and Chief Executives on 23 rd March 2021 to advised that the enhanced multi-disciplinary arrangements will remain in place until March 2022, to support a number of areas including :
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring care home resident and staff health wellbeing; • Monitoring, support and oversight to the return of routine activities such as visiting; • As mentioned Section () above, the planned introduction of health, social care and other services in care homes; • Ensure oversight arrangements are extended to the wider adult social care provision; • Monitor the sustainability and resilience of the social care sector
	The letter also asked Oversight Groups to consider the frequency of their meetings to a minimum of weekly meetings. North Ayrshire Oversight Group agreed to continue to meet three times a week. The Care Home Governance Framework was updated to include the recommendations within the Cab Sec letter.
2.11	<u>Remobilisation of Services</u>
	Residential and day services within the HSCP continue to be impacted by the pandemic. These services are under review and a report will be brought to a future IJB on the new model of service proposed going forward.
2.12	<u>Care Home Professional Support Team</u>
	The pan Ayrshire Care Home Professional Support Team went live on 7 th April 2021. The team have supported care homes who have immediate support requirements as well as a more pro-active role going forward.
	In order to understand the support requirements for individual care homes, a self-evaluation tool, co-designed with Care Home Manager representatives at the end of last year, has been created. Once each care home has completed the self-evaluation tool, the team will consider what support they can provide, followed up with an initial conversation with each home. This will help identify what support is required from either nursing, the commissioning team or social work and depending on the outcome of the conversation will determine who attends the follow up care home support visit. These visits will replace the previous 'assurance visits' which have taken place since June 2020, under the extended roles of the Nurse Director and Care Home Oversight Groups. These support visits are not mandatory.

	<p>Along with the planned supportive visits and the more reactive support on offer, the team are also developing Fundamental Care Study Days, which will be available for care home staff to join at no cost. These study days are going to be similar to the Fundamental Care Study Days which all NHS staff are offered in the hospital and community settings, which share the most up to date evidence for fundamental care and allow sharing of experience across Ayrshire. The topics included are: Food, fluid and nutrition; tissue viability / skin integrity; continence and catheter care; stress and distress; Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) and Personal Protective Equipment; Falls; Anticipatory Care Planning and recognition of deterioration.</p>
2.13	<p><u>Vaccinations</u></p>
	<p>Based on SG Dashboard 67.6% (75,888 people) of adult population in North Ayrshire had received first dose with 14.4% (16,131 people) receiving 2nd dose (as at 18/4/21).</p>
	<p>The majority of care home residents; care home staff and HSCP staff have now received their first and second dose vaccinations.</p> <p>Vaccination Clinics are presently administering second dose to JCVI Cohorts 3,4 & 5 (65 to 79 year olds) and are expected to complete by 7th May.</p> <p>Cohorts 6 (underlying health conditions/unpaid carers/learning disabilities/living with adults with immunosuppression) and Cohort 7 (60 years of age and over) second dose vaccine will be delivered during May. Also during May clinics will begin vaccinations (first dose) for Cohort 10 (40 – 49 years of age).</p> <p>Planning is underway for further roll-out of the programme and to date on target to meet completion of first and second dose to all North Ayrshire adult population by mid-late September.</p>
2.15	<p><u>Community Testing</u></p>
	<p>A four week rolling programme has been established for the siting of a symptomatic mobile testing unit across North Ayrshire. To date attendance at the MTUs are 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>Asymptomatic Test Centres have also been established across North Ayrshire. Unlike the MTU, attendance at the asymptomatic sites have been quite poor, with the exception of the site at Bridgegate in Irvine and Brisbane in Largs. Work is therefore ongoing in terms of a possible change in model to a mobile unit with two pop-up sites. Proposal has been submitted to Public Health and we await further information.</p> <p>The “universal” offer of testing for the whole population went live on Monday 26th April. Two methods of distribution are offered :</p> <p>LFT direct model – people can order 7 kits to be sent to their home</p> <p>LFT collect model – people collect 7 kits from asymptomatic testing sites or other satellite sites.</p> <p>It should be noted that the universal offer <i>does not</i> replace existing testing but designed to support people not covered in other schemes.</p>
2.16	<p><u>Staff Testing</u></p>

	<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 nearly 13,000 results recorded.</p> <p>Residential Children's Units are now undertaking PCR testing.</p>
3.	PROPOSALS
3.2	<u>Anticipated Outcomes</u>
	Not applicable.
3.3	<u>Measuring Impact</u>
	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	

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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