



North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership
Minute of Integration Joint Board meeting held on
Thursday 16 December 2021 at 10.00 a.m.
involving participation by remote electronic means

Present

Voting Members

Bob Martin, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Chair)
Councillor Robert Foster, North Ayrshire Council (Vice Chair)
Councillor Timothy Billings, North Ayrshire Council
Councillor Anthea Dickson, North Ayrshire Council
Jean Ford, NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Professional Advisers

Caroline Cameron, Director of Health and Social Care Partnership
Paul Doak, Chief Finance and Transformation Officer
Alistair Reid, Lead Allied Health Professional Adviser
Darren Fullarton, Associate Nurse Director/IJB Lead Nurse

Stakeholder Representatives

David Donaghey, Staff Representative (NHS Ayrshire and Arran)
Louise McDaid, Staff Representative (North Ayrshire Council)
Graham Searle, Carers Representative
Clive Shephard, Independent Sector Representative
Glenda Hanna, Independent Sector Representative
Vicki Yuill, Third Sector Representative
Janet McKay, IJB Garnock Valley Locality Forum (Chair)

In Attendance

Elizabeth Stewart, Interim Chief Social Work Officer
Thelma Bowers, Head of Service (Mental Health)
Alison Sutherland, Head of Service (Children, Families and Criminal Justice)
Peter McArthur, Senior Manager, Addiction Services
Karen Andrews, Team Manager
Craig Stewart, Committee Services Officer
Diane McCaw, Committee Services Officer

Apologies

Councillor John Sweeney, North Ayrshire Council
Adrian Carragher, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Dr Louise Wilson, GP Representative

1. Apologies and Chair's Remarks

Apologies for absence were noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in terms of Standing Order 7.2 and Section 5.14 of the Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies.

3. Minutes/Action Note

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2021 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3.1 Matters Arising from the Action Note

Updates in terms of the Action Note were detailed as follows:-

- Carers Act - update to IJB by the second quarter;
- Community Alarm/Telecare Services - update now early next year; and
- Distress Brief Intervention - update in the new year.

4. Appointments Report

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director of (NAHSCP) on recent appointments to the IJB and Performance and Audit Committees.

Jean Ford indicated at the meeting that she was happy to fill the last remaining vacant position on the Performance and Audit Committee.

The Board noted (a) the appointment of Marc Mazzucco as (i) the new NHS Non-Executive Board Member to the IJB; and (ii) the new Vice-Chair of the Performance and Audit Committee; (b) that Jean Ford will continue as (i) an interim Member of IJB; and (ii) fill a vacant position on the Performance and Audit Committee; (c) that Councillor Robert Foster will fill a vacant position on the Performance and Audit Committee; and (d) the appointment of Scott Hunter as Chief Social Work Officer for North Ayrshire and Elizabeth Stewart as Depute Chief Social Work Officer.

5. Presentation: Medication Assisted Treatment and Alcohol and Drug Partnership

The Board received a presentation from Peter McArthur, Senior Manager, Addiction Services, on the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) highlighting the following:-

- ADP Performance Management information in terms of targets met, on trajectory and not met for the time period April to September 2021;
- an overview in terms of 10 MAT standards;
- the need for quick access to medications to support recovery;
- the pilot test of change within Three Towns area prior to implementation of standards;
- the vision to make the process streamlined with no barriers to individuals receiving the appropriate treatment and care;
- evaluation measures to determine improvement;

- referral information including by gender and age group and individuals identified as at risk; and
- next steps in the process.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- the approach in terms of training and supply around the naloxone programme;
- additional funding application proposals;
- progress in terms of the focus on the first 5 MAT standards ahead of the April 2022 deadline; and
- the approach with regard to availability of naloxone kits.

Noted.

6. Director's Report

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director (NAHSCP) on developments within the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

The report provided an update on the following areas:-

- Publication of the Community Justice Ayrshire Partnership Annual Report;
- The pilot of the new drugs phone service to help mitigate the risks of using drugs alone;
- Drug awareness resources on the risks of drug use and how to reduce harm;
- The 16 Days of Action campaign and support available in connection with domestic abuse;
- Applications being open in connection with the North Ayrshire Communities Mental Health and Well-being Fund;
- The new logo for the National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service (NSAIS) on the grounds of Ayrshire Central Hospital; and
- A Covid update on the Partnership's continued response to the pandemic with regard to the Omicron variant and the impact on the vaccination programme, the additional testing capacity within communities and in relation to staff within the Health and Social Care Partnership, the reviewing of business continuity plans and ongoing pressures and challenges.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- meetings of the Care Homes Oversight Group currently held twice weekly and which will meet more regularly to deal with emerging issues;
- additional Guidance which has been received in terms of Care Homes;
- testing for Care Home staff; and
- proposed local comms messages around family support within communities.

The Chair advised any situational changes would be communicated to IJB members.

Noted.

7. 2021-22 – Month 7 Financial Performance

Submitted report by Paul Doak, Head of Service (HSCP Finance and Transformation) on the financial position of the Health and Social Care Partnership. Appendix A to the report provided the financial overview of the partnership position,

with detailed analysis provided in Appendix B. Appendix C (i) showed the full Transformation Plan for 2021/22, which had been agreed by the Transformation Board. An overview of those service changes which do have financial savings attached to them and the current BRAG status around the deliverability of each saving was outlined at Appendix C (ii). Appendix D highlighted the movement in the overall budget position for the partnership following the initial approved budget and the local finance mobilisation plan submission was provided at Appendix E to the report.

The report also included details of the estimated costs and potential financial impact of the Covid-19 response.

The Board agreed to note (a) the overall integrated financial performance report for the financial year 2021-22, the current overall projected year-end underspend of £0.986m; (b) the progress with delivery of agreed savings; and (c) the remaining financial risks for 2021-22, including the impact of remaining Covid-19 estimates and costs

8. Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report

Submitted report by the Depute Chief Social Work Officer on the Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer to the local authority covering the period April 2020 to March 2021. The full report detailing the statutory, governance and leadership functions of the CSWO role was detailed at Appendix 1 to the report.

The report provided an overview of the partnership structures and the performance of social services in the context of the demographic landscape of North Ayrshire and the delivery of Social Services and outlined the key challenges facing the service in the forthcoming year due to the impact of Covid-19.

The Board agreed to note and endorse the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report.

9. Annual Performance Report 2020-21

Submitted report by Paul Doak, Head of Service (HSCP Finance and Transformation) on the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership Annual Performance Report 2020-21.

The Board agreed to retrospectively approve the publication of the Partnership's Annual Performance Report for 2020-21.

10. Remobilisation Plan 4

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director NAHSCP on the NHS Ayrshire and Arran Remobilisation Plan 4 (RMP4). The final draft RMP4, submitted to Scottish Government on 30 September 2021 for consideration, was attached at Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 detailed a letter from the Scottish Government, dated 19 November 2021, approving the final draft RMP4.

The Board was advised that a further update on the North Ayrshire specific elements of RMP4 will be reported to a future meeting.

The Board agreed to approve the Remobilisation Plan 4 for publication.

11. Winter Funding Plans

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director NAHSCP on the Health and Social Care Partnership plans for investment as a result of the measures and funding being put in place to support health and social care system pressures including maximising hospital and primary care capacity, reducing delayed discharges, improving pay for social care staff and ensuring individuals in the community who need support receive effective and responsive care. The winter package of additional support was detailed at section 2.1 of the report and the full Winter Funding Plan was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Funding allocations were communicated to HSCPs on 4 November 2021 with a total of £3.4m allocated to North Ayrshire in 2021-22 specifically for interim care, Multi-Disciplinary Teams and Care at Home capacity. The North Ayrshire HSCP plans for the funding propose to build on the effective intervention services already in place in North Ayrshire.

The Board was also advised of a commitment given to local trade union colleagues to commence a full review of Care at Home service which has been delayed because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- support to third and independent sectors with regard to 'step-down' care;
- how to ensure individuals do not remain in Care Homes any longer than necessary;
- the use of Anum Cara for interim placements;
- a number of Care Homes having reduced beds available as a result of staffing reductions over the same period; and
- specific obstacles in terms of the nursing recruitment and retention in the Care Home sector.

The Board agreed to approve the plans developed by the Health and Social Care Partnership for the deployment of the new investment in line with Scottish Government guidance and Key Performance Indicators.

The meeting ended at 12.05 p.m.