



North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership
Minute of Integration Joint Board meeting held on
Thursday 17 June 2021 at 10.00 a.m.
involving participation by remote electronic means

Present

Bob Martin, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Chair)
Councillor Robert Foster, North Ayrshire Council (Vice Chair)
Councillor Timothy Billings, North Ayrshire Council
Adrian Carragher, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Councillor Anthea Dickson, North Ayrshire Council
Mhairi Kennedy, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
John Rainey, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Councillor John Sweeney, North Ayrshire Council

Caroline Cameron, Director of Health and Social Care Partnership
Paul Doak, Chief Finance and Transformation Officer
Elizabeth Stewart, Interim Chief Social Work Officer
Alistair Reid, Lead Allied Health Professional Adviser
Dr. Louise Wilson, GP Representative
David Donaghey, Staff Representative (NHS Ayrshire and Arran)
Clive Shephard, Independent Sector Representative
Glenda Hanna, Independent Sector Representative (Depute for Jackie Weston)
Vicki Yuill, Third Sector Representative
Janet McKay, Chair, Garnock Valley HSCP Locality Forum
Louise Gibson, IJB Irvine Locality Forum

In Attendance

Audrey Sutton, Executive Director (Communities and Education)
Vicki Campbell, Head of Primary and Urgent Care Services
Darren Fullarton, Senior Nurse (Mental Health)
Thelma Bowers, Head of Mental Health
Alison Sutherland, Head of Service (Children, Families and Criminal Justice)
Eleanor Currie, Principal Manager (Finance)
Peter McArthur, Senior Manager (Addictions)
Rosemary White, Lead Officer (MHS Addictions)
Billy Brotherston, Independent Chair of ADP
Michelle Sutherland, Partnership Facilitator
Karen Andrews, Team Manager (Governance)
Angela Little, Committee Services Officer
Craig Stewart, Committee Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Pete Gilfedder, Interim Associate Nurse Director/IJB Lead Nurse
Louise McDaid, Staff Representative (North Ayrshire Council)
Graham Searle, Carers Representative (Depute for Marie McWaters)

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed Paul Doak to his first meeting as the IJB's Chief Finance and Transformation and Section 95 Officer. He also welcomed Elizabeth Stewart to the meeting in the role as Interim Chief Social Work Officer and Darren Fullarton who will take up the post of Associate Nurse Director/IJB Lead Nurse on 2 August 2021.

2. Declarations of Interest

Vicki Yuill, Third Sector Representative, declared an interest in Item 5 ADP Update – as the Chief Officer of Arran Community Voluntary Service in respect of their wider partnership working.

3. Minutes/Action Note

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 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

The Board was advised of timescales for the following reports to future meetings:-

- Community Alarm/Telecare Services Transition from Analogue to Digital – will report to the August meeting;
- UK Care Home Industry – an update on the Commissioning Strategy would now be more appropriate;
- Director's Report (Digital Strategy) – a date will be confirmed in August;
- Director's Report (Public Health Scotland Locality Profiles) – a date will be confirmed before the end of 2021; and
- Distress Brief Intervention Update – it is too soon to agree a date but a report will be provided to a future meeting.

Noted.

4. North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership Annual Performance Report

Submitted report by Peter McArthur, Senior Manager (Addictions) on the North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) Annual Performance Report. The Annual Performance Report was attached at Appendix 1 to the report and provided details of HSCP waiting times, ADP waiting times, alcohol brief interventions, Naxolone kits, drug related deaths, training and finance.

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

- Work to identify hard to reach groups, which includes the Turning Point Project, where individuals with lived experience engage in different ways, including going into the community to engage with people who are not known to services or who are no longer engaging with services;
- The Turning Point Project that works to identify hard to reach groups;

- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards and testing of processes to provide the offer of appropriate treatment, including medication on the same day as presentation to individuals;
- MAT Plus that will offer immediate response for those released from prison, or hospital, non-fatal overdose individuals and those who require immediate mental health assessment;
- Comments from individual's and service users that forms part of the Local Improvement Plan and feeds into the wider ADP Strategy and partnership working;
- Direct access for individuals to self-refer to NADARS and that the 3 week wait for services was met during the pandemic. No individual in North Ayrshire waited more than 6 weeks for treatment and 95-97% received treatment within 3 weeks;
- 90% of alcohol interventions and alcohol detox services were delivered in people's homes.
- Simplifying pathways for individuals who require support for co-existing multiple issues;
- Statistical information presented that is up till 31 March 2021 and is gathered on a quarterly basis; and
- The central base of the Taste of Change project in Caley Court and work to redesign processes for those who are unable to attend the base to receive support.

Noted.

5. ADP Update Report

Submitted report by Rosemary White, Lead Officer, MHS Addictions on the activities, actions and funding of the North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

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

- Changes to the application process for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards that require an application to be submitted for funding to the Local Improvement Fund;
- A recent announcement by the Scottish Government of £4m to the ADPs for the MAT Standards;
- Regular engagement sessions with the Scottish Government Mental Health Directorate and National Stakeholder Groups; and
- Collaborative work across the Ayrshire ADPs.

The Board agreed to note (a) the actions taken place since the last IJB update in November in relation to funding for rehabilitation; (ii) the work of NADARS in implementing the MAT (Medically Assisted Treatment) standards, and (iii) the partnership working that has taken place to improve outcomes for those affect by alcohol and drugs.

6. Primary Care Improvement Plan

Submitted report by Vicki Campbell, NHS Ayrshire and Arran on the Primary Care Improvement Plan.

Appendix 1 to the report outlined the three key contractual elements of the General Medical Services contract and progress with the actions relating to Pharmacotherapy Service, Community Treatment and Care Service and Transfer of Vaccinations. Appendix 2 detailed the current committed spend of the Primary Care Improvement Fund (PCIF) allocation of £6,980,739 .

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

- Work that is continuing on establishing robust systems and processes around long term medication reviews;
- Multi-disciplinary teams and specialist practitioners within practices that will enable individuals to see the right person first and reduce referral onto secondary care services; and
- Work that will be done to continue the provision of on-line and out-of-hours diagnostics that will include services for Care Homes.

The Board agreed to (a) approve (i) the actions set out for 2021/22; and (ii) the additional resource for Pharmacotherapy Service as set out in paragraph 4.1 iv; and (b) note the Primary Care Improvement Funds 2020/21 and (c) approve the 2021/22 projections; up to and including conclusion to March 2023.

7. Director's Report

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director of (NAHSCP) on developments within the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership which included information on Appointments, Child Protection Committee, Supported Accommodation – Bessy Dunlop Court, Recovery Development for Justice Services, Older People's Day Services, Mental Welfare Commission unannounced visits, Carers Week, Covid Update and updates since the last IJB.

The Board were also advised that Anne-Marie Fenton has been appointed as Interim Internal Auditor for the IJB.

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

- The expanded asymptomatic Covid Testing Unregistered Services that also includes Pharmacies;
- That all Care Home staff have been offered vaccinations and are tested 3 times a week (1 PCR and 2 LFT); and
- The provision of a breakdown of vaccination statistics to the IJB.

Noted.

Councillor Foster left the meeting at this point.

8. Year End Financial Performance 2020-21

Submitted report by Paul Doak, Chief Finance and Transformation Officer providing an overview of the IJB's financial performance for the year ended 2020-21. Appendix A to the report provided the financial overview of the partnership position, with detailed analysis provided in Appendix B. Details of the savings plan were provided at Appendix C. Appendix D outlined the movement in the overall budget position for the partnership following the initial approved budget and the budget reconciliation was provided at Appendix E to the report.

The Board were advised of a typographical error at the last paragraph of section 2.10 of the report, which should read:-

“The podiatry budget is held by East HSCP and this budget had been devolved early in ~~2020-21~~ **2021/22**, the detail of this will be incorporated into the financial monitoring report for the new financial year”.

The Board was advised that details of Carers Act Funding will be reported to a future meeting; and an update on vacancy savings will be reported to the IJB Performance and Audit Committee.

The Board commended the work of the Finance Team for their work in managing the IJB's financial position and monitoring the complex financial transactions as a result of the impact of Covid on budgets.

The Board agreed to (a) note (i) the overall integrated financial performance for the financial year 2020-21 and the overall year-end underspend of £10.319m, adjusted to £4.151m after earmarking; (ii) the updated costs of the Covid response and the funding received; (iii) that out-with the IJB overall position, the £1.486m debt repayment has been made to North Ayrshire Council as planned; (b) approve (i) the budget changes outlined at section 2.10; and (i) the proposed earmarking of £6.168m of reserves as detailed in the report, leaving a balance of £4.151m in free general fund reserves

9. NHS Ayrshire and Arran Remobilisation Plan 3

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director NAHSCP on the NHS Ayrshire and Arran Remobilisation Plan 3. The final draft Remobilisation Plan 3 (RMP3), submitted to Scottish Government on 26 February 2021 for consideration was attached at Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 provided the meeting notes and follow up actions from the meeting between Scottish Government and NHS Ayrshire & Arran on 9 March 2021. The letter from the Scottish Government, dated 2 April 2021, approving the plan was attached at Appendix 3 to the report.

The Board was advised that a further update on the North Ayrshire specific elements of RMP3 will be reported to a future meeting.

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

- Access to GP services, challenges around GP practices remobilising and engagement with GP practices by the Primary Care Team to address capacity issues;

- The reluctance of some individuals to access services throughout the pandemic who are now presenting at practices and are very unwell;
- The early cancer diagnostic pilot that will start in Ayrshire shortly; and
- The importance of public health messaging encouraging people to come forward and on how to seek help.

The Board agreed to endorse the Health Board's Remobilisation Plan 3 which was submitted to the Scottish Government on 26 February 2021.

10. Local Child Poverty Action Plan and Report/Children's Service Plan Performance Report and Children's Services Plan 2020-23 Update

Submitted report by Lauren McMath, Policy Officer on the Local Child Poverty Action Plan and Report, the Children's Service Plan Performance Report and Children's Services Plan 2020-23 Update. The draft North Ayrshire Local Child Poverty Action Plan and Report 2020/21 was attached at Appendix 1, the draft North Ayrshire Children's Services Plan Performance Report 2020/21 at Appendix 2 and the refreshed and updated Children's Services Plan 2020-23 at Appendix 3 to the report.

The Board commended the report which had very detailed action plans to the outcomes that are to be achieved.

The Board agreed (a) to approve (i) the Local Child Poverty Action Plan and Report 2020/21; and (ii) the Children's Services Plan Performance Report 2020/21; (b) to note the content of the update Children's Services Plan 2020-23; and (c) that the reports can be submitted to the Scottish Government and published online as required.

The meeting ended at 12.20 p.m.