

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>National Developments</u>
2.1	<u>Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 – Statutory Guidance</u>
	<p>Statutory guidance relating to police powers in the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 was published on 2nd September 2021.</p> <p>The Place of Safety guidance sets out the responsibilities and procedures to be followed by police, in collaboration with local authorities in relation to the power to taking a child under the age of 12 to a place of safety in certain limited situations.</p> <p>The guidance on Investigative Interviews aims to support police, local authorities and others with functions related to investigative interviews under the Act, ensuring that these are carried out in a child-centred way in keeping with the ethos of removing young children from criminal justice processes.</p>

2.2	<u>National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2021</u>
	<p>The Scottish Government has now published the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2021 with a suite of accompanying documents:</p> <p>The non-statutory Guidance describes the responsibilities and expectations for all involved in protecting children in Scotland and replaces the 2014 version. It outlines how statutory and non-government agencies should work together with parents, families and communities to prevent harm and to protect children from abuse and neglect. The Guidance promotes partnership between those who care about and have responsibilities for the child, and entails a collaborative approach between professionals, carers and family members.</p> <p>The Guidance has been developed collaboratively and has involved extensive engagement with stakeholder groups and individuals, to ensure that it takes full account of developments and new thinking. It incorporates an understanding of best practice and 'what works' from various sources, including practitioner and stakeholder experience, inspections, research and learning from Significant Case Reviews. The 2021 guidance also integrates the (previously separate) guidance for health professionals.</p> <p>Whilst publication of the guidance and associated documents is an important milestone, consistent implementation across Scotland will be key to realising the benefits from the review. An implementation steering group has been established to undertake detailed implementation planning as local areas engage with the Guidance and a fuller picture of support needs for practitioners, managers and leaders emerges. Membership is drawn from statutory and third sector partners and national organisations. Consideration of local resourcing and wider support requirements will be an early focus for this group.</p>
2.3	<u>National Care Service Consultation</u>
	<p>As discussed at the last IJB, NAHSCP are developing an inclusive approach to develop an IJB response to the consultation. Officers within the partnership have started discussions through the various professional networks and within their own teams on the potential impact of the reforms proposed in the consultation. There a number of consultation events/ sessions planned over the next few weeks including the following groups :-</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership Senior Management Team • Extended Senior Management Team • Discussions at IJB governance and wider stakeholder and professional leadership groups e.g., Healthcare Governance, ADP, Strategic Planning Groups, Staff Partnership Forum etc. • Community Engagement Sessions across various localities; • Scottish Government will facilitate a number of sessions in Irvine on 15th September
	<p>The feedback from all of the above activity will be collated into one formal response for IJB approval on 21st October 2021.</p>

	<u>Ayrshire Wide Developments</u>
2.4	<u>Herbert Protocol</u>
	<p>The Herbert Protocol is a well-established initiative that helps support vulnerable persons who are living with dementia or memory loss. The initiative is already used in some Divisions across Police Scotland as well as the wider UK.</p> <p>The Herbert Protocol initiative is named after George Herbert, a War veteran of the Normandy landings, who had dementia and sadly died while he was 'missing' on his way to his childhood home.</p> <p>On 1st September 2021 Ayrshire Division launched the Herbert Protocol. The protocol encourages carers, family and friends to provide and put together useful personal information that they should store in a safe place that would help the police in the event they report their loved one missing. This information includes contact numbers, medications needed, locations that may be familiar and memorable for the person as well as a recent photograph. Remembering all sorts of information at times like this can be very distressing for those involved and when being asked by a police officer, adds to the stress and upset caused. The information contained within these forms aims to relieve some of that stress. The NAHSCP for the Herbert Protocol is Elizabeth Stewart, our Interim CSWO.</p> <p>The form can be easily sent or handed to the police in the event of a loved one going missing, reducing the time to gather this information. The form should be completed as soon as possible and when family are either given a diagnosis of dementia or they suspect the person is living with dementia or a similar memory loss illness.</p> <p>Families/Carers can access the form via:- https://www.scotland.police.uk/what-s-happening/missing-persons/the-herbert-protocol/.</p>
	<u>North Ayrshire Developments</u>
2.5	<u>Remembrance Event – PEAR Service</u>
	<p>Turning Point Scotland's PEAR service held a remembrance event for friends and family members of those lost to drug and alcohol use on Tuesday 31 August.</p> <p>Organised to mark International Overdose Awareness Day, a flower float took place to commemorate the lives of those who have sadly passed away and to stand in support with those affected by these losses.</p> <p>Staff, volunteers and other partners were at the event to provide Naloxone kits and support for anyone who has lost a loved one or who has concerns about a loved one. They also provided support, information and signposting for anyone struggling with their own drug or alcohol use.</p> <p>For more information on Turning Point Scotland's PEAR service, visit the website here, call 01294 447407 or email northayrshireinfo@turningpointscotland.com.</p>

2.6	<p><u>Suicide Bereavement Service – Penumbra</u></p> <p>Ayrshire and Arran is a pilot site for Support for Families Bereaved by Suicide. An oversight group has been established and Penumbra have been commissioned to deliver the service which launched during August 2021 with referrals active to the new service.</p> <p>The Pan Ayrshire Choose Life Strategic Group continues to meet on a regular basis reviewing the 10 Actions within the Ayrshire suicide prevention action plan. Training remains an important feature and funding has been identified for two training posts. A training strategy has been written up and requires to be ratified within the training group work stream. Agreement is also required to identify what groups should be prioritised for the training. BRITE continues to be delivered by CRT and there has been interest from other Health Boards re having the training delivered to their staff..</p>
	<p><u>COVID Update</u></p>
	<p>This update continues to offer assurance to IJB on the partnership’s continued response to the COVID19 pandemic. The response to the pandemic continues to be recorded through the mobilisation plan.</p>
	<p>The partnership, along with NHS and NAC still operate on an “emergency” footing.</p>
	<p><u>Updates since last IJB</u></p>
2.7	<p><u>COVID-19 Public Inquiry – Invitation to Provide Input</u></p> <p>On 24 August, Scottish Ministers announced that a Scottish public inquiry will be established to consider matters in relation to Scotland’s handling of the COVID-19 pandemic under the Inquiries Act 2005.</p> <p>An Aims and Principles paper has been published which forms the basis of stakeholder engagement on the Terms of Reference for the inquiry. The Aims and Principles paper is available online here: http://www.gov.scot/publications/covid-19-inquiry-establishment.</p> <p>Organisations are being invited to provide comments on the Aims and Principles taking the following questions in consideration :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which areas of the handling of COVID-19 in Scotland do you think deserve particular scrutiny? • Are there any shortcomings or successes that you would like to see given particular consideration? • Are there areas in which you think Scotland would benefit particularly from drawing lessons learned? <p>The deadline for submitting responses and comments is 30 September 2021. After that point, these will be analysed and used to develop the Terms of Reference for the inquiry.</p>

	<u>Guidance</u>
	Updated guidance has been issued since the last update to IJB in relation to :-
2.8	<p><u>Self Isolation Exemption</u></p> <p>Further guidance has been published by the Scottish Government outlining the circumstances where Health and Social Care staff can be exempt from self-isolation, the updated guidance is located here DL(2021)24 - Update on isolation exemptions for Health and Social Care staff (scot.nhs.uk). The updated guidance aligns the exemption rules for health and care staff identified as close contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 with the guidance for the wider population. The updated national guidance specifically for the health and social care workforce recognises that there needs to be additional safeguards in place to protect the workforce and those who use health and care services.</p> <p>Health and Social Care staff are no longer required to automatically self-isolate provided they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are double vaccinated with the second dose at least two weeks before exposure to the case; • have no COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough; high temperature of 37.8 or above; or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)); and • have a negative PCR test taken after exposure to the case. <p>NHS and NAC have put processes in place to allow line manager oversight and approval for any staff returning to work who meet strict criteria.</p>
2.9	<p><u>Physical Distancing</u></p> <p>Statutory guidance DL(2021)28 was updated and published on 31st August 2021 on changes to physical distance in acute settings, community settings including care at home and care homes. Risk assessments for building have been reviewed for social care settings to align to the new guidance. For health delivered services at this time NHS Ayrshire & Arran are not reducing physical distancing measures and will keep the guidance and risk assessments under review.</p>
2.10	<p><u>COVID Recovery Legislative Consultation</u></p> <p>The Scottish Government Coronavirus legislation team launched a 12 week public consultation entitled “Covid recovery: a consultation on public health, public services and justice system reforms” on 17th August 2021, which runs until 9 November 2021. The consultation will seek the public’s views on legislative reform to support Scotland’s recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.</p> <p>The consultation sets out a range of proposals, including whether some beneficial temporary provisions made under Scottish and UK coronavirus legislation and due to expire in March 2022 should be maintained. NAHSCP are in the process of collating our response to the consultation. The consultation paper can be accessed through this link :- https://consult.gov.scot/constitution-and-cabinet/covid-recovery/</p>

2.11	<u>Enhanced Clinical and Professional Oversight Arrangements for Social Care</u>
	The Care Home Oversight Group (CHOG) in North Ayrshire continue to meet twice weekly to monitor and support care homes and monitor the sustainability and resilience in the social care sector.
2.12	<u>Vaccinations</u>
	<p>Based on SG Dashboard 94.4% (102,928 people) of adult population in North Ayrshire had received first dose with 88.1% (96,056 people) receiving 2nd dose.</p> <p>Overall, 94.2% (282,486 people) of Ayrshire & Arran adult population received first dose vaccination – 88.4% (264,986 people) second dose.</p> <p>Population in Scotland – 91.3% have received 1st dose with 83.7% receiving 2nd dose. Figures as at 4th September 2021.</p>
	<p>Vaccination Clinics are presently administering second dose to 16 and 17 year olds and are expected to complete by end September.</p> <p>Regular additional drop-in clinics are being held to encourage take up of the vaccine.</p> <p>Covid-19 vaccination of children aged 12-15 years.</p> <p>The Scottish Government, guided by the clinical and scientific advice on vaccination provided by the JCVI, advise that vaccination will be offered to eligible children in the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children aged 12-15 years of age with severe neuro-disabilities, Down's Syndrome, underlying conditions resulting in immunosuppression, and those with profound and multiple learning disabilities or who are on the learning disability register; • Children aged 12-15 years of age who are household contacts of adults or children who are immunosuppressed, based on the potential for additional indirect protection. <p>These eligible children will be issued invitation letters and will be vaccinated in Mass Vaccination Centres in due course.</p> <p>Covid Booster & Flu Programme</p> <p>The programme will be offered in 2 stages from September, starting with those most at risk from serious disease.</p> <p>Stage 1 of the booster vaccination programme for 2021 – 2022, the following groups will be offered a booster dose and the flu vaccine from September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults aged 16 years and over who are immunosuppressed • Those living in residential care homes for older adults • All adults aged 70 years or over • Adults aged 16 years and over who are considered clinically extremely vulnerable • Frontline health and social care workers

	<p>Communication has opened with care home providers to enable NHS A&A Vaccinators to attend to deliver both flu and covid booster to residents – unfortunately care home nurses are unable to deliver flu vaccine to their own residents this year due to a licencing issue.</p> <p>Stage 2, the following groups will be offered a booster dose as soon as practicable after Stage 1, with equal emphasis on the flu vaccine where eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All adults aged 50 years and over • All adults aged 16 to 49 years who are in an influenza or Covid-19 at-risk group • Adults household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals <p>As most younger adults will only receive their second covid-19 vaccine dose in late summer, the benefits of booster vaccination in this group will be considered at a later time when more information is available.</p> <p>Planning is now well underway to deliver the above programme.</p>																
	<u>Community Testing</u>																
	A four week rolling programme has been established for the siting of a symptomatic mobile testing unit across North Ayrshire. Attendance at the MTUs continue to be 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.																
2.13	<u>Staff Testing</u>																
	<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 27,210 results recorded at time of writing.</p>																
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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	

4.	CONSULTATION
4.1	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.
5.	CONCLUSION
5.1	Members of IJB are asked to note the ongoing developments within the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

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