



**North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership**  
**Minute of Integration Joint Board meeting held on**  
**Thursday 21 October 2021 at 10.00 a.m.**  
**involving participation by remote electronic means**

**Present**

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  
 Jean Ford, NHS Ayrshire and Arran  
 Mhairi Kennedy, 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  
 Alistair Reid, Lead Allied Health Professional Adviser  
 Darren Fullarton, Associate Nurse Director/IJB Lead Nurse

David Donaghey, Staff Representative (NHS Ayrshire and Arran)  
 Louise McDaid, Staff Representative (North Ayrshire Council)  
 Graham Searle, Carers Representative  
 Clive Shephard, Independent Sector Representative  
 Vicki Yuill, Third Sector Representative  
 Louise Gibson, IJB Irvine Locality Forum (Chair)

**In Attendance**

Thelma Bowers, Head of Service (Mental Health)  
 Alison Sutherland, Head of Service (Children, Families and Criminal Justice)  
 Eleanor Currie, Principal Manager (Finance)  
 Michele Sutherland, Partnership Facilitator  
 Betty Saunders, Contract and Commissioning Manager HSCP  
 Neil McLaughlin, Team Manager  
 Karen Andrews, Team Manager  
 Melanie Anderson, Senior Manager (Committee and Member Services)  
 Angela Little, Committee Services Officer  
 Craig Stewart, Committee Services Officer  
 Diane McCaw, Committee Services Officer

**Apologies**

Bob Martin, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Chair)  
 Elizabeth Stewart, Interim Chief Social Work Officer  
 Janet McKay, IJB Garnock Valley Locality Forum (Chair)

**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 23 September 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**

An updated Action Note was circulated to IJB Members prior to the meeting and the following information was provided in terms of items:-

- Distress Brief Intervention Update – date still to be identified for an update;
- Year End Financial Performance 2020-21 – an update on the Carers Act will be submitted to the IJB prior to the end of the calendar year;
- NHS Ayrshire and Arran Remobilisation Plan 3 – Remobilisation Plan 4 has now been submitted to the Scottish Government and will be submitted to the IJB before the end of the calendar year;
- Community Alarm/Telecare Services Transition from Analogue to Digital – an update will be submitted to the IJB prior to the end of the calendar year.

The revised Action Note will be circulated to IJB Members following the meeting.

## **4. 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:-

- The Scottish Government consultation on Anne's Law which will close on Monday 2 November 2021;
- The roll out of the new Scottish Child Interview Model initiative aimed at reducing trauma and stress for children recounting their experiences;
- The national Youth LIVES Mental Health project for 14-21 year olds;
- The British Red Cross 'Connecting with You' service;
- Winter planning for Health and Social Care where the Cabinet Secretary announced an investment of over £300m in hospital and community care with additional support measures detailed at section 2.5 of the report;
- The signing of the Community Wealth Building Anchor Charter;
- Recruitment of short break carers;
- The iMatters staff engagement survey;
- National recognition for Community Link Workers; and
- A Covid update on the Partnership's continued response to the pandemic in terms of emergency footing, PPE update, support for Social Care providers, vaccinations, community testing and staff testing.

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

- the effect of the cessation of the occupancy payments to Care Homes;
- Care Homes with significant occupancy reduction having adjusted their business models and reduced their staffing levels accordingly;
- work with Care Homes which will take place through Winter planning;
- methods in place to support long-term hospital patients in terms of their mental health;
- further discussions required in terms of long-term health conditions and psychological support in acute settings;
- the excellent work of the community link workers;
- the need to consider the staffing grades of Local Government Care at Home workers; and
- co-ordination of top-up Covid vaccines and potential for confusion on delivery to different cohorts.

The Director (NAHSCP) undertook to circulate a note in terms of vaccination administration to different cohorts to IJB Members.

Noted.

## **5. Mental Welfare Commission Report: Authority to Discharge**

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director (NAHSCP) providing an overview of the Mental Welfare Commission Authority to Discharge report on decision making for people in hospital who lack capacity and seeking approval for the response to recommendations from North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. A link to the full Authority to Discharge report was also provided within the report.

The response has been submitted to the Mental Welfare Commission and recommendations will be monitored through the Partnership Social Work Governance Board and with the Chief Social Work Officer.

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

- an update in terms of progress with the recommendations of the Mental Welfare Commission report being provided to the IJB in 12 months;
- updating of the Management Guidelines and on the timescale of June 2022 being brought forward, assuming engagement is carried out with practitioners;
- the relevance of Management Guidelines in terms of legal requirements; and
- that no processes or safeguards were changed during the pandemic in terms of adult support and protection.

The Board agreed to (a) note the terms of the report; (b) approve the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership response to the recommendations; and (c) receive an update report to the IJB in 12 months in terms of progress with the recommendations of the Mental Welfare Commission report.

## **6. National Care Service for Scotland: Scottish Government Consultation Response**

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director (NAHSCP) on the IJB response to the National Care Service for Scotland consultation prior to submission to the Scottish Government by the deadline of 2 November 2021. The full IJB response to the consultation was detailed at Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 summarised

community engagement feedback received to date. Section 4.2 of the report detailed a summary of the most pertinent points of the consultation response for North Ayrshire.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the following, and highlighted amendments to the response as detailed:-

- the strong message of consistency in terms of the response and in relation to the Ayrshire IJB progress in general;
- the positive lead partnership arrangements in terms of delivery and development of mental health services across Ayrshire;
- the question 4 response being reworded, in agreement between the Director HSCP and Vicki Yuill, Third Sector Representative, in terms of resource, accountability and responsibility to give a more positive slant within the response; and
- the question 88 response indicating a request from the Third Sector in terms of parity with recruitment training and remuneration of all social care.

The Board agreed, following any final feedback and in terms of the comments above, to endorse the final response to the consultation, prior to submission to the Scottish Government by the deadline of 2 November 2021.

## **7. Urgent Items**

The Chair agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the Board to receive up-to-date information.

### **7.1 Scottish Government Recovery and Renewal Fund**

Recent funding has been allocated by the Scottish Government of £120m for the Recovery and Renewal Fund. Within this is a sum of £15m for a Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund and North Ayrshire have been allocated a share of this funding in the amount of £407,213.24.

The funding will provide significant investment in community support for adults and the aim of the fund is to promote and develop good mental health and wellbeing and to mitigate and protect against the impact of distress. It also aims to tackle the issues within the Scottish Government's Transition and Recovery Plan with overarching themes around suicide prevention, social isolation and loneliness prevention and early intervention and to address mental health inequalities exasperated by the pandemic for specific at risk groups.

The TSIs will be responsible for fund administration, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation with a strong focus on collaboration. A Steering Group of partners has been established to work towards a Local Plan and process for applications for funding and full guidance from the Scottish Government is awaited.

Noted.

The meeting ended at 10.55 a.m.