

The final report of the Independent Oversight and Assurance Group (IOAG) on Tayside's Mental Health Services was released on Wednesday 11 January 2023. The release followed a 12-month period of IOAG involvement with a range of key stakeholders across Tayside. The IOAG's remit was to provide assurance to the Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care about progress being made in Tayside against the 49 recommendations made within Trust and Respect, the Independent Inquiry into Mental Health Services in Dundee, Dr David Strang, February 2020. Progress since 2020 has been tracked through an action plan covering all recommendations i.e. Listen.Learn.Change.

- 4.1.2 Included within the report is the final self-assessment/ submission by Tayside Executive Partners, which was submitted to the IOAG in early October 2022. A RAG assessment has been used in Tayside to track progress against the 49 recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into Mental Health Services in Tayside and the final report provides a RAG assessment by Tayside Executive Partners, and one by the IOAG.
- 4.1.3 The IOAG reflect positively within their report that, whilst there remain areas where the respective RAG assessments differ, there is now more of a shared view about some of the fundamental areas that require further improvement/ attention. These include cultural shifts and engagement / co-production with key stakeholders and with the workforce.
- 4.1.4 The IOAG met many individuals and groups within Dundee within the course of their work. Their approach within discussions with the workforce, local organisations and people with lived experience was commented upon positively in terms of their keenness to listen and understand, offer constructive challenge and share experience. One important consequence of this has been the willingness of people to participate and share experiences openly and transparently.
- 4.1.5 From both a Tayside and a Dundee perspective, the final report evidences progress in a number of areas. Particular credit is given to the development of Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) in Tayside, led by colleagues within Dundee. The Mental Health Discharge Hub in Dundee and the work to understand and provide appropriate autism support in universities were also noted. Equally, the final report (and TEP's submission) highlight that despite progress having been made, there is much still to do.
- 4.1.6 The final report sets out 6 key areas for increased strategic attention within Tayside. These are;
 - Progress on 'Single Site' for general adult psychiatry beds; Strathmartine environment; delayed discharges
 - Streamline and prioritise the change programme in support of Living Life Well
 - Making Integration work i.e. collaborative working
 - Engaging the workforce
 - Engaging with patients, families, partners and communities
 - Continued focus on patient safety
- 4.1.7 A detailed improvement plan is required to be submitted to the Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care by Friday 31 March 2023. A draft of the plan will be completed by the end of February, and final sign off will be required by TEP, Chief Officers and the 3 IJBs in Tayside prior to submission to the Minister by 31 March.
- 4.2.1 Following the review of Integration Schemes in 2022, it was agreed that Perth and Kinross IJB would assume Lead Partner responsibilities for strategic planning in relation to inpatient services across adult mental health, learning disability and substance use. In addition to this, Perth and Kinross are Lead Partner for the co-ordination of workstreams within Living Life Well, Tayside's Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 4.2.2 A permanent programme team have been appointed to support the delivery of Living Life Well; the team includes a Programme Manager and 2 Project Support Officers. The team have supported efforts to revise governance structures related to Living Life Well and Listen Learn Change, and have been involved in the process of reviewing existing workstreams to identify key priorities and streamline the overall Programme.

- 4.2.3 The following priority workstreams have been identified; Crisis and Urgent Care Pathway, Integrated Substance Use/ Mental Health, Specialist Community Mental Health Redesign, Adult Mental health Inpatient Redesign and Whole System Learning Disability. A further 7 areas have remained as part of the Programme; Communication and Engagement, Personality Disorder, Early Intervention in Psychosis, Transitions, Workforce, Adult Neurodevelopmental Pathway and Medicines in Mental Health. It is anticipated that some of these areas will require less Programme support, either generally or as different milestones are reached.
- 4.2.4 The revised workstream priority areas are in the process of remobilising, supported by the Programme team.