



## **PERTH & KINROSS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

**1 May 2019**

### **CHIEF OFFICER STRATEGIC UPDATE**

**Report by Chief Officer (Report No. G/19/68)**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to update board members on progress against tasks outlined in the rolling actions list.

#### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board note the following strategic updates:

- Refresh of the Strategic Plan
- Joint Inspection
- Ministerial Strategic Group, Review of Progress with Integration of Health and Social Care; Self-Evaluation
- Implementation of Free Personal Care
- Updates on Programmes of Care

#### **2. REFRESH OF STRATEGIC PLAN**

On the 22 March 2018 the Integration Joint Board agreed to an extension to the timescale for completion of the 2019/20 Strategic Plan. NHS Tayside were informed of this extended timescale at their Board Meeting on 28 February 2019.

This delay has enabled the new Chief Officer to work with colleagues to plan the key stages and the engagement activity with key stakeholders that will support the development of the plan, to ensure that the final version sets the strategic direction for the next three years and supports the Health and Social Care Partnership to achieve our shared ambition of improving health and wellbeing and tackling inequality.

The delay will also enable the plan to reflect and address the findings of the joint inspection, while taking into account the recommendations of Ministerial Strategic Group's review of integration.

### **3. JOINT INSPECTION**

On Friday 5 April 2019 Officers from the HSCP, along with the Chief Social Work Officer and the Chief Executive of Perth and Kinross Council received verbal feedback from the Inspectors from the Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland.

The Joint Inspection Team are currently analysing submitted evidence and commentary with a view to presenting a draft formal report on 15 May 2019. Thereafter, we will have two weeks to correct any factual inaccuracies before receiving the final report towards the end of June 2019.

### **4. MINISTERIAL STRATEGIC GROUP, REVIEW OF PROGRESS WITH INTEGRATION OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE; SELF-EVALUATION**

The Integration Joint Board received a report on 5 February 2019 on the findings of a review of the progress of integration, which had been commissioned by the Ministerial Strategic Group

With partner organisations, we are currently completing a self-evaluation template for the Ministerial Strategic Group on progress locally, for submission by mid-May. This will be presented to the Audit and Performance Committee and the IJB in June 2019, for information, due to timescales for submission.

### **5. IMPLEMENTATION OF FREE PERSONAL CARE FOR PEOPLE UNDER 65 YEARS**

To progress the implementation of 'Frank's Law' – Free Personal Care Under 65s, a short-life working group was formed comprising representatives from Adult Social Work, Legal Services, Charging and the Third Sector. Third Sector colleagues liaised with a focus group of service users to inform implementation.

The group firstly reviewed the current definitions of 'personal care' and 'non-personal care' services to ensure they are still fit for purpose with the new legislation. It was agreed at the Charging Governance Board that the Charging Policy would be updated accordingly to ensure care items for under 65s follow the same policy as older people. This meant each individual case did not need to be reviewed.

A communications plan was developed which included developing a new leaflet on Free Personal Care, crib sheets for front line workers to answer any queries from the public and updating the PKC Website.

Processes for recording personal care and non-personal care were updated. This included adding new care items, which were developed by the Contract and Commissioning Team, to AIS. This proved to be significantly more complicated than initially thought as the new care items had to be linked to hundreds of existing fields on AIS. This contributed to timescales for implementation slipping.

People affected by the new legislation were identified and lists sent to the locality Adult Care Social Work teams to update their records on AIS so everyone had their care package split into personal and non-personal care. This process was completed 12 April 2019.

The Charging Team is in the process of sending letters to everyone affected in Perth and Kinross, as instructed by the Scottish Government, informing them of the change in legislation and their personal care/non personal care split. At time of writing, the letters are on course to be delivered to everyone affected by 30 April 2019.

The actual amount the majority of people pay for their services is unlikely to be affected by this legislation due to means testing and the impact of benefit migration. The Scottish Government has allocated £800,000pa to Perth and Kinross to cover lost revenue and we are in the process of calculating whether this will adequately compensate for the lost income this major policy change brings.

## **6. PROGRAMMES OF CARE BOARDS**

- The IJB had previously requested the revised Terms of Reference for the four Boards advancing the Programmes of Care. However, in response to the recent inspection and in the course of updating our Strategic Commissioning Plan we intend to review our approach to strategic planning and this may lead to changes in the four Programmes of Care Boards. We will report further on this as the work progresses.
- Older People and Unscheduled Care – an update on the Winter Plan is on today's agenda.
- Mental Health and Well-being – we will bring a report on the redesign of Substance Use Services and on the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to the IJB in June
- Primary Care – there is an update on the Primary Care Improvement Plan on today's agenda
- Carer Support – we will bring an update on the Carers Strategy 2019/22 to the IJB in June, as well as an update on the implementation of the Carers Scotland Act 2016

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**NOTE:** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.