

Report

Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	23 September 2020
Report by:	Director, Health and Social Care

Subject:	South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ♦ seek approval of the updated South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Executive Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s): -

- (1) that the updated South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

3. Background

- 3.1. As part of the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (thereafter referred to as The Act), councils and NHS Boards are required to review their Integration Scheme at least once every five years.
- 3.2. The purpose of the Integration Scheme is to essentially set out the rules of engagement/workings of Health and Social arrangements and importantly the functions which the Council and NHS Board choose to delegate to the Integration Joint Board from a strategic oversight perspective. The Act stipulates that delegated functions will, as a minimum, cover adult Health and Social Care but can, with agreement of the Parties, include other areas of service.
- 3.3. Following approval through both South Lanarkshire Council's Executive Committee and NHS Lanarkshire Board, the South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme was submitted to for approval to the Scottish Parliament in June 2015 and given assent in September 2015.
- 3.4. Similar to many other council and NHS Board areas, Integration Schemes are now due to be reviewed as the five-year window has almost run its term. Given the current situation with the COVID pandemic and to ensure that the focus was firmly on dealing with this, the Scottish Government asked councils and NHS Boards who had not reviewed their Integration Scheme within this window to undertake a very Light Touch Review. The rationale being that where they planned a more wholesale re-look at their Scheme, then this could be done at a point where a degree of normality had returned.

- 3.5. This report sets out the process through which the South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme has been reviewed to comply with the light touch request and the further plans to undertake a more comprehensive review of the current Scheme

4. Current Position and Next Steps

- 4.1. The current version of the Integration Scheme, attached as Appendix 1, is the outcome of a desktop-based exercise involving a small group of staff from the Council's Legal Services and members of the Health and Social Care Management Team.
- 4.2. This exercise was Light Touch and sought to update the terminology within the 2015 Integration Scheme to reflect the present environment. It is important to note that no changes have been made or proposed to the delegated functions and consequently the role and span of the IJB remains the same.
- 4.3. The revised Integration Scheme was presented to the Strategic Commissioning Group on 17 June 2020 where comments were sought from this widely represented forum and incorporated into the final draft.
- 4.4. Unlike the submission of the original Integration Scheme for approval, there is no requirement to re-submit this Light Touch Review to the Scottish Government. However, any future and more comprehensive review will require to be submitted to the Scottish Government for Cabinet Secretary approval.
- 4.5. Over the next six months, it is proposed that the Integration Scheme is re-looked at in more detail and recommendations brought back to both the Council and NHS Board. This piece of work will be led by the Head of Commissioning and Performance and a timeline will be developed with a view to having this work completed in time for the new financial year 2021/22. This Review will consider some of the recommendations cited in the Scottish Government's Ministerial Strategic Group report on Health and Social Care Integration with particular regards to strategic planning, finance, governance, information sharing, collaborative leadership and meaningful/sustained engagement.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. None as all current delegated functions remain unchanged from the original Integration Scheme and financial reporting is a standing item on the IJB and Performance, Audit and Finance Sub Committee.

7. Climate Change and Sustainability

- 7.1 There are no climate change or sustainability issues associated with this report

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no risk implications associated with this report.
- 8.2. There are no other issues associated with this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

- ◆ Improve later life
- ◆ Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults
- ◆ Deliver better health and social care outcomes for all

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee 11 February 2015

List of Background Papers

- ◆ none

Contact for Further Information

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