

# Report

Report to:	<b>Social Work Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>28 October 2020</b>
Report by:	<b>Director, Health and Social Care</b>

Subject:	<b>National Review of Adult Social Care</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Social Work Resources Committee of the Scottish Government's announcement on 1 September 2020 of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the contents of this report be noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. Each year the Scottish Government sets out the actions it will take in the coming year at the beginning of September known as the "Programme for Government." This includes the legislative programme for the next parliamentary year to drive forward change across all levels of society.
- 3.2. This year's publication entitled 'Protecting Scotland, Renewing Scotland' is set against the backdrop of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Pandemic has only further highlighted the inequalities that pervade across society. If anything, it has magnified the level of disadvantage faced by those with the least, particularly from a health, social and economic perspective.
- 3.3. One of the actions highlighted within the Scottish Government's programme is to undertake an Independent Review of Adult Social Care. The Review will examine how Adult Social Care can most effectively be reformed to deliver a national approach to care and support services. The Review will include consideration of a National Care Service.
- 3.4. Adult Social Care comprises a wide array of services and non-clinical support in a range of settings, involving care homes, Care at Home, Day Services, and community support for people with a range of needs.

## 4. National review of adult care services

- 4.1. The Review will be chaired by Derek Feeley, a former Scottish Government Director General for Health and Social Care and Chief Executive of NHS Scotland. An advisory panel will support the work of the Review which will report in January 2021.

- 4.2. The aim of the Review is to recommend improvements to Adult Social Care in Scotland, in terms of the outcomes achieved by and with people who use services, their carers and families, and the experience of people who work in Adult Social Care. The Review will take a human-rights based approach with a focus on the views of those with lived experience, about what needs to change to make real and lasting improvements.
- 4.3. The Review will consider and make recommendations on:
- ◆ the needs, rights and preferences of people who use services, their carers and families
  - ◆ the experience of people who work in Social Care, including their employment arrangements, opportunities for training and progression, and relationships with other professions across Health and Social Care
  - ◆ arrangements for funding, governance, ownership, administration and delivery of Social Care Services
  - ◆ arrangements for meaningfully involving users in the assessment of need and in co-design and co-production (including Self-Directed Support)
  - ◆ Social Care and Health Care service models and their interaction with other services, such as Housing, Education and employment
  - ◆ regulation, scrutiny, quality assessment and quality improvement capacity and capability
  - ◆ the role of local communities in providing capacity and assets to support people to live as well and as independently as possible and to enjoy the same facilities, universal services and opportunities as other citizens
  - ◆ the role and contribution of local and system level leadership
  - ◆ future policy developments that should be a focus for the Scottish Government and any recommendations regarding the legislation that currently underpins Social Care provision and regulation
  - ◆ opportunities to redesign the overall system of Social Care to improve people's experience of care
- 4.4. The Review will also consider what is required to achieve the highest standard of support for the independence and wellbeing of people who use Adult Social Care Services. This will include:
- ◆ how decision-making, participation, independent living and control can be maximised by people using Adult Social Care Services
  - ◆ people's experiences of Adult Social Care support and outcomes achieved
  - ◆ how individuals' Social Care "needs" are assessed by Social Work, Social Care and Health professionals
  - ◆ the overall quality, and sustainability of current Social Care Services and supports
  - ◆ the need to develop a skilled, purposeful and sustainable Adult Social Care workforce
  - ◆ the effectiveness of the statutory environment within which adult social care is commissioned, procured and delivered

## **5. Current position**

- 5.1. Before the Independent Review reports in January 2021, a new stakeholder group is looking at the approach to Social Care recovery and remobilisation and will provide input to the Health and Social Care Mobilisation and Recovery Group. It will have oversight of the support and reform of Social Care Services in the immediate term.

- 5.2. Immediate improvements will be taken forward on setting standards for Adult Social Care assessments and allocation of resources so that people accessing support are fully involved in decision making and experience greater consistency and transparency. There will be a review of care services definitions thus enabling Social Care support services and workers to be more flexible and responsive to people's needs, to work more autonomously, and to work with others across professions. This will involve working with Integration Authorities and Local Authorities to ensure planning and purchasing of Social Care support is focused on flexible and person-centred support.
- 5.3. As part of the Review, a number of meetings with different stakeholders are being organised in order to collate information from as many sources as possible. Some of the focus of these will be on what is working well, what could be improved and what requires to be changed.
- 5.4. While the Review does not report until January 2021 with its recommendations, it is likely to have significant impact on how Adult Social Care Services are commissioned, organised, procured and delivered in the future. This may extend to impact upon strategic commissioning led through Health and Social Care integration arrangements across Scotland.
- 5.5. A further report will be brought to the Social Work Resources Committee to provide an update when the Review reports with its recommendations.
- 6. Employee Implications**
- 6.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.
- 7. Financial Implications**
- 7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.
- 8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**
- 8.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.
- 9. Other Implications**
- 9.1. No other implications are noted at this stage.
- 10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
- 10.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, plan or strategy.

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**Link(s) to Council Values/Objectives**

- ◆ focused on people and their needs
- ◆ improve health and wellbeing
- ◆ support our communities by tackling disadvantage and deprivation and supporting aspiration
- ◆ deliver better health and social care outcomes for all

**Previous References**

- ◆ none

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ none

**Contact for Further Information**

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