

ANGUS COUNCIL**11 DECEMBER 2014****INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD MID DECEMBER 2014 TO MID FEBRUARY 2015****REPORT BY RICHARD STIFF, CHIEF EXECUTIVE****ABSTRACT**

This report provides information to members with regard to Consultation on the Draft Integration Scheme for Health and Social Care Integration in Angus in accordance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

1. BACKGROUND

The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 requires NHS Boards and Local Authorities to integrate planning for, and delivery of, an extensive range of adult Health and Social Care services. The Act requires the parties (NHS Tayside and Angus Council) to jointly prepare and consult on an Integration Scheme setting out how this is to be achieved.

A Model Integration Scheme has been produced by the Scottish Government. There is a requirement to carry out a consultation on the Scheme across the statutory, voluntary and independent sectors as well as with the public of Angus.

Councillors are invited to contribute to this consultation from late December 2014 until the end of February 2015. The draft Integration Scheme is not in its final form and work is ongoing on some of the sections in the Scheme. Government Guidance and Regulations are awaited to permit completion of the Scheme. The Scheme will, therefore, require to be developed during the consultation period and Councillors will be alerted to any updates during this time.

Following expiry of the consultation period a report will be prepared for the Council in March 2015. The final draft Scheme requires to be agreed by Angus Council and NHS Tayside Board prior to submission to Scottish Government for approval by 31 March 2015.

2. WHAT HAPPENS FOLLOWING SUBMISSION

Following submission of the Scheme to Scottish Government in March 2015, officers in the Implementation Team and other departments will undertake a six week period of analysis, scrutiny and assurance checks against the Regulations made under the Act. They will liaise with the Partnership during this period to obtain additional information and clarity and the Scottish Government Legal Directorate will develop the Order establishing the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership to be formed. It is anticipated that this will happen in Autumn 2015.

3. SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION - SCHEDULES

Councillors are invited to participate in the consultation on the Draft Integration Scheme which can be accessed via Angus Council 'Have Your Say' site at:

http://www.angus.gov.uk/info/20011/have_your_say

This will be available from late December 2014 until the end of February 2015. As well as sending comments, there will be the opportunity to complete a Survey Monkey questionnaire relating to the Integration Scheme.

4. REPORT AUTHOR

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