



**ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

**INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 28 AUGUST 2019**

**ANGUS RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS FROM THE MINISTERIAL STRATEGIC GROUP**

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**ABSTRACT**

This report brings forward the self-assessment and action plan that have been developed following the report from the Joint Ministerial Strategic Group (MSG). This report included 25 proposals aimed at improving integration in each Integration Authority. The action plan requires to be submitted to the Scottish Government for consideration by the MSG. Delivering the action plan requires support from both NHS Tayside and Angus Council.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:

- (i) agree the self-assessment as outlined in Appendix 1;
- (ii) approve the action plan as outlined in Appendix 2;
- (iii) request the Chief Officer to report on progress against the action plan annually.

**2. BACKGROUND**

A Review of Progress with Integration was undertaken by the Ministerial Strategic Group (MSG). The approach focused on the key questions that matter most to people who use services and the systems that have been put in place in order to better support those priorities. The review asked whether progress had been made and where the barriers are that may prevent professionals and staff across health and social care from using their considerable skills and resources to best effect. The review considered four key objectives, which remain central to the aims of integration:

- Health and social care services should be firmly integrated around the needs of individuals, their carers and other family members.
- Health and social care services should be characterised by strong and consistent clinical and care professional leadership
- The providers of services should be held to account jointly and effectively for improved delivery
- Services should be underpinned by flexible, sustainable financial mechanisms that give priority to the needs of the people they serve, rather than the organisations through which they are delivered.

The review also considered whether the integration principles set out in the legislation were being delivered.

The report from the MSG review published on 4 February 2019 sets a challenging and ambitious agenda for Integration Authorities, NHS Boards and Local Authorities, working with key partners, including the third and independent sectors to make progress with the

implementation of integration over the next 12 months. The Review report contains 25 proposals aimed at improving progress with delivering the intentions of the public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2015.

Local partners were invited to complete a self-assessment on a collaborative basis, extending beyond statutory partners to include local colleagues in the third and independent sectors and other partners. The self-assessment was intended to assist local partners as a means of developing a collective understanding from across local systems of how to deliver integration using the 25 recommendations of the MSG review report.

The self-assessment invited local partners to rate themselves against 4 rating descriptors for each of the proposals. These were:

- not yet established;
- partly established;
- established; and
- exemplary.

For each proposal an indicator descriptor was provided to assist partnerships in determining their ratings. Partnerships were also asked to provide evidence to support their ratings and to identify proposed improvement actions.

The self-assessment for Angus was completed with wide involvement from NHS Tayside, Angus Council and third and independent sector representatives was submitted to the Scottish Government on 15 May 2019. A copy of the self-assessment for Angus is attached at appendix 1.

### **3. CURRENT POSITION**

The MSG has now considered all the self-assessments from all Partnerships. One of the review proposals was to ensure a more co-ordinated approach to improvement support and the analysis of the self-evaluations will provide a focus and evidence to direct such support. The Scottish Government have appointed a Director of Delivery for Health and Social Care Integration who will lead on improvement support for partnerships, with support from the Integration Division. Support has initially been offered to 11 partnerships that between them demonstrate both good and more challenged progress and complexity of arrangements in terms of learning and practice in, for example, models of care and delivery, leadership, integrated culture. Angus is not included in this initial offer of support however, it is the intention is that over time that all 31 Integration Authorities, together with their partners are provided with improvement support.

Following the national evaluation of the self-assessments Partnerships have been asked to develop an improvement action plan in conjunction with partners. The improvement action plan for Angus is attached as appendix 2. Currently Angus HSCP is working with Dundee and Perth & Kinross Partnerships to consider where there are opportunities to work together and a pan Tayside event including Council Chief Executives and NHS Tayside Board members will take place in mid-August.

### **4. CONCLUSION**

The self-assessment for Angus HSCP including a mixture of ratings where current arrangements were considered overall by the MSG to be neither 'exemplary' nor 'not yet established'. A comprehensive action plan has been developed with the aim of shifting Angus progress on the delivery of integration towards exemplary. Much of the focus of the action plan is on areas which require improvements in support from partners.

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Appendix 1 – self assessment

Appendix 2 – Improvement action plan