



**ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

**INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 28 AUGUST 2019**

**TAYSIDE MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY TRANSFORMATION UPDATE**

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**ABSTRACT**

The purpose of this report is to update Integration Joint Board members on changes to Mental Health strategic planning at a Tayside level.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board note and comment on the content of this report.

**2. BACKGROUND**

NHS Chief Executive and the three Health and Social Care Chief Officers have agreed to support the development of a Tayside Mental Health Alliance. This Alliance will act as a key enabler for NHS Tayside who directly provide a number of mental health services including Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, and Secure Care and the three Health and Social Care Partnerships. This will bring together each of the distinct organisations that hold responsibility for the planning, commissioning and delivery of mental health and social care services for the Tayside population. The aim is to work collaboratively with partners to understand the full Tayside landscape and the associated challenges, working together to develop a whole system, 3 year strategy for mental health care and treatment.

The Alliance will also address any recommendations from the Independent Inquiry into Mental Health Services in Tayside.

The Head of Mental Health Services will provide regular briefings and formal reports to IJB members reporting progress of the Alliance.

Integration has enabled different models of care to be delivered in Angus including the merging of our substance misuse services, development of health and wellbeing services in Primary Care, and a more collaborative strategic planning model at an Angus level. Improving mental health and wellbeing is one of three key priorities of the Angus Community Planning Group. However, there are a number of challenges that Angus Health and Social Care Partnership needs to work with others to address.

The responsibility for the planning and delivery of Mental Health Services will remain with the Integration Joint Board through its existing strong local strategic networks. A Tayside Mental Health Alliance will provide additional opportunities to work together in a co-production model using principles of realistic medicine, optimising resources, capacity and capability for the benefit of the whole system particularly to address the shortage of some essential workforce disciplines and the development and management of integrated care pathways e.g. crisis care.

### **3. CURRENT POSITION**

The first meeting of the Alliance took place in June 2019. There is one member from each of the IJBs with delegated authority from the Chief Officer to act on their behalf. Professional Leads are also members with support from a number of governance staff.

The scope of the Mental Health Alliance will be towards care and treatment services across Tayside, including, inpatient, community, outpatient, crisis, mental health and learning disability services both adult and children. Psychiatry of Old Age is not in the scope, as they have currently have no services that are delivered on a pan Tayside basis.

Any proposal from the Alliance will be required to evidence that it has included appropriate service users and carers' engagement, involvement and consultation. Angus Mental Health and Wellbeing Network was established in 2019 and is responsible for setting the strategic direction for mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention across Angus. It comprises representatives from a range of statutory and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector agencies including service users and carers. The Alliance will link with this Network, and other existing Angus strategic groups including Locality Improvement Groups, Improvement and Change Programme and the Strategic Planning Group.

A Memorandum of Understanding is being produced which will set out the framework for cooperation between NHS Tayside and the three Integrated Joint Boards in the establishment of this Alliance.

The Tayside Mental Health Alliance will

- Have authority to redesign and design services reflective of strategy and to progress this independently.
- Investment and disinvestment decisions associated with service design / redesign will require to be approved by the four parties in line with standing financial instructions
- The Tayside Mental Health Alliance can make decisions relating to hosted elements of service whereby proposals reduce operating costs whilst providing high quality of care e.g. Crisis Care and Home treatment, Psychological Therapies etc
- The four parties may make a decision to allocate specific funding to the Tayside Mental Health Alliance for decision making for example Unscheduled Care funding, Winter funding, Action 15 etc
- The Tayside Mental Health Alliance will have oversight of the Strategic Commissioning Plans for each Health and Social Care Partnerships pertaining to mental health and well being and be sighted on the Public Health Strategic Plan and Health Equity Strategy in context of mental health and consolidate these strategies into a Tayside Master plan
- Work with partners to establish mental health and learning disability service inpatient requirements
- Set standards for mental health care and treatment for implementation across Tayside
- Identify common themes across the strategic plans and agree areas for joint working across Tayside
- Make recommendation for investment for the benefit of Tayside population

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

All changes and improvements to Angus Mental Health Services have been fully costed and although are dependant upon a shift of resources across Tayside, are all contained within the current financial plan.

Occasions already exist when the HSCP receive funding direct but are expected to support Tayside initiatives e.g. an element of Mental Health Strategy Funding was allocated to enhance Prisoner Healthcare. The Alliance will ensure this is done in a planned, transparent and fair way.

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