



ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD –
UPDATE REPORT- PRIMARY CARE IMPROVEMENT PLAN- ANGUS
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to provide an update report for the 2019/20 Angus Primary Care Improvement Plan approved by the Integration Joint Board in April 2019.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board: -

- (i) note progress made in delivery of 2019/20 Angus Primary Care Improvement Plan as outlined in Appendix One and Appendix Two.
- (ii) request a further report in April 2020 providing an end of year report for 2019/20 and submission of the Year 3 2020/21 Angus Primary Care Improvement Plan for approval.

2. BACKGROUND

The details of the new 2018 General Medical Services contract and Memorandum of Understanding were outlined fully in a paper presented to the Board on 21 February 2018. The 2019/20 Angus Primary Care Improvement Plan was approved by the Angus IJB in April 2019 and by the Local Medical Committee in August 2019.

The contract aims to develop a sustainable model of general practice through the development of an enhanced multi-disciplinary support team working in and around general practice, enabling GPs to have more capacity to fulfil their role as Expert Medical Generalists.

The key priority areas for address between 2018-2021, the agreed implementation timeline for this contract identified nationally are:

- The vaccination transformation programme.
- Pharmacotherapy services.
- Community care and treatment services.
- Urgent care (advanced practitioners).
- Additional professional roles - such as musculoskeletal focused physiotherapy services.
- Community links workers (referred to in Angus as social prescribers).

3. CURRENT POSITION

The infrastructures in place both within Angus and Tayside to ensure a collaborative approach to planning of the Primary Care Improvement Plan has been outlined in detail in previous IJB papers.

Public engagement and communication have taken place through a range of methods including media releases, Continuing the Conversation events, attendance at public groups and Patient Participation Groups and through service specific surveys.

Appendix One summarises the 2019/20 Angus Primary Care Improvement Plan approved by the IJB and progress made with its implementation.

Scottish Government has issued guidance on behalf of the GMS Oversight Group regarding reporting cycles for Primary Care Improvement Plans, which includes submission of Local Implementation Trackers. Appendix Two contains the report to be submitted later this month to Scottish Government.

In summary implementation is on track although with some slight delays' due recruitment process timescales. While we have to date been successful in recruiting to available positions, workforce availability remains one of our highest areas of concern. While good IT support is being provided, availability of fit for purpose IT to support multi-disciplinary working across sites is also posing challenges, with current tests of change providing good learning for longer term solutions.

It is worth noting that Angus are one of the few HSCPs in Scotland testing adult flu (over 65 and at risk) service delivery in 2019/20 with a test taking place in North West Angus which is providing very valuable learning for the future development of an Angus wide model.

While Community Treatment and Care Services will largely be deployed across a number of sites and staff groups, to support local service delivery within available staffing and premises, we are maximising opportunities where possible to create distinct Community Treatment and Care Centres, the first of which will open in the Links Health Centre later this year, incorporating MIIU services. As primary care premises planning develops over coming years we will continue to work with clusters and local populations to develop efficient, visible and accessible Community Treatment and Care Services for the local population through local Community Treatment and Care Centres where preferable to do so.

Angus Health & Social Care Partnership and clusters were successful in their application to Healthcare Improvement Scotland to participate in two national collaborative programmes; Pharmacotherapy and Practice Administrative Staff Collaborative (PASC) both of which will support both the quality and safety of services delivered within general practices, supporting the principles of the Primary Care Improvement Plan.

An event is being held on 4th November as a collaborative event between the GP Sub Committee and Angus HSCP to which practice staff and senior representatives of the multi-disciplinary teams are being invited to allow us to consider the support and actions required to further develop the culture and conditions within Angus to support the new care models emerging.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial plans for the 2019/20 Primary Care Improvement Plans were approved in report 19/19. Since then there has been slippage on the forecast expenditure for the year which will be carried forward by Scottish Government to fund activity in future years. The table below details the approved expenditure for each project as well as the current forecast.

Project	2019/20 Approved PCIF Allocation	2019/20 Forecast Expenditure	2019/20 Forecast Variance
Vaccination Transformation Programme	157,634	151,086	6,548
Pharmacotherapy			
- Pharmacotherapy Service	585,948	435,644	150,304
-Pharmacy First	0		
Community Treatment and Care Services			
-Ear Care	80,000	62,917	17,083
-Leg Ulcer/Wound care	107,228	113,982	-6,754
-Spirometry	22,229	20,562	1,667
-Phlebotomy	115,710	69,532	46,178
Urgent Care			
-Scottish Ambulance Service	31,435	48,000	-16,565
-ANP	138,735	42,052	96,683
Additional Professional Roles			
-MSK	166,276	129,557	36,719
-Mental Health	61,071	0	61,071
Link Workers	215,544	95,797	119,747
Vision Anywhere Test of Change	4,500	4,500	0
TOTAL	1,686,310	1,173,629	512,681

Report 19/19 highlighted uncertainty around the funding of increased superannuation contributions. These costs have now been included within the forecast figures above but this does place an additional burden on the available long term funding.

Modelling for commitments beyond 2019/20 has now commenced (see attached appendix 2) and, due to issues such as absorbing the superannuation pressure noted above, there will be challenges and risks in the longer term regarding the IJB's ability to deliver the full contractual requirements within the available funding. Services will work towards ensuring the contractual requirements can be delivered from within agreed resources and this may include timing of plans being adjusted, overall plans needing to be revisited or alternative funding being agreed.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The Primary Care Improvement Plan is not being progressed in isolation, as it enables and is also enabled by many other components of the Angus Care Model outlined within the Angus Strategic Plan and the Transforming Tayside programme.

Scottish Government release 'National Guidance for Clusters. A Resource to Support GP Clusters and Support Improving Together' in June 2019. Whilst not specifically about the Primary Care Improvement Plan, the recommendations contained within it further support the development of clusters and Practice Quality Leads and Cluster Quality Leads particularly with regards quality improvement. Implementation of the recommendations are underway and shall enable further development of our well-established clusters within Angus to support the emerging care models.

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List of Appendices:

Appendix One: Angus HSCP- Primary Care Improvement Fund Workplan – 2019/20 – mid-year update.

Appendix Two: Angus HSCP- Local Implementation Tracker