



ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 30 OCTOBER 2019

CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

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ABSTRACT

This report presents the Angus Council Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2018 to 2019 to be considered and approved by Angus Council on 17 October 2019.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board note the content of the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2018 to 2019.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The previous Chief Social Work Officer Report covered the period from 2017 to 2018.

2.2 This report is the annual evaluation report of social work services, including commissioned services from 2018 to 2019.

2.3 The Chief Social Work Officer has a statutory requirement to produce an annual report which provides an overview of social work services in Angus. The Chief Social Work Officer also has a responsibility to report directly to elected members and the Chief Executive in respect of any significant, serious or immediate risk or concern arising from the statutory responsibilities.

2.4 The report details the arrangements within Angus Council to enable the Chief Social Work Officer to fulfil the responsibilities outlined in Section 5 (1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (as amended).

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 The report details some of the major successes within social work services in 2018 – 2019. It draws on a range of performance information as well as external and internal evaluation and scrutiny activities to report on:

- Summary of Performance - key challenges, developments and improvements during the year
- Partnership Working – governance and accountability arrangements
- Social Services Delivery Landscape
- Resources
- Service Quality and Performance including delivery of statutory functions
- Workforce
- Challenges for the year ahead

3.2 This year's report highlights the ongoing challenges of managing financial restraints while continuing to provide high quality services that meet the demographic and inflationary pressures.

4. PROPOSALS

Integration Joint Board notes the contents of the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2018 – 2019.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Angus Council Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2018 to 2019