

## Agenda Item No 3 (d)

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the **HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Wednesday 29 January 2020 at 2.00pm.

**Present:            Voting Members of Integration Joint Board**

Councillor LOIS SPEED, Angus Council - Chair  
HUGH ROBERTSON, Non-Executive Board Member, NHS Tayside – Vice Chair  
Councillor JULIE BELL, Angus Council  
Councillor BOB MYLES, Angus Council  
EMMA-JANE WELLS, Non-Executive Board Member, NHS Tayside

**Non Voting Members of Integration Joint Board**

SANDY BERRY, Chief Finance Officer  
PETER BURKE, Carers Representative  
IVAN CORNFORD, Independent Sector Representative  
CHRIS BOYLE, Staff Representative, Angus Council  
VICKY IRONS, Chief Officer  
ANDREW JACK, Service User Representative  
KATHRYN LINDSAY, Chief Social Work Officer  
GARY MALONE, Third Sector Representative  
CHARLIE SINCLAIR, Associate Nurse Director  
BARBARA TUCKER, Staff Representative, NHS Tayside

**Advisory Officers**

GEORGE BOWIE, Head of Community Health and Care Services - South, AHSCP  
GAIL SMITH, Head of Community Health and Care Services – North, AHSCP  
WENDY SUTHERLAND, Team Leader, Angus Council

Councillor LOIS SPEED, in the Chair.

**1.        APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Graeme Martin, Non-Executive Board Member, NHS Tayside; Alison Clement, Clinical Director, Angus IJB; Elaine Henry, Consultant Gastroenterologist; Richard Humble, GP Representative; Bill Troup, Head of Integrated Mental Health Services; and Drew Walker, Director of Public Health, NHS Tayside.

**2.        DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Ivan Cornford, Independent Sector Representative declared a non-financial interest in Item 3 as a Care Home Provider. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion.

**3.        REVIEW OF SUPPORT AND CARE AND RESIDENTIAL FEES 2020/21**

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 12 December 2018, there was submitted Report No IJB 1/20 by the Chief Finance Officer updating members regarding the proposed changes in Support and Care and Residential Fees for 2020/21.

The Report indicated that whilst the responsibility for the operational delivery of Adult Services was devolved to Angus Health and Social Care Partnership, the formal authority to charge for social work services remained with Angus Council. On that basis, Angus Council needed to formally approve planned amendments to charges as proposed by Angus Health and Social Care Partnership.

In February 2020, Angus Health and Social Care Partnership was scheduled to agree a budget settlement with Angus Council to support the delivery of Adult Services. Due to the challenging circumstances facing both Angus Council and Angus Health and Social Care Partnership, the settlement required the Partnership to develop a series of proposals regarding charging related issues that reflected the challenging circumstances.

The overall intention was to consider instances where charges could be amended to increase income to support the ongoing delivery of the current volume of social work adult services, taking into account increased costs, without any undue detriment to service users and without destabilising front line services and service uptake.

Appendix 1 to the Report outlined the proposed support and care and residential fees for 2019/20. It was intended that the Appendix would replicate the final papers that would be submitted to Angus Council in February 2020.

The Chief Finance Officer provided an overview of the Report.

The Head of Community Health and Care – South advised that there had been further discussions with colleagues in the Council's Legal and Democratic Services about the proposals outlined in the Report. He explained in more detail the approach taken which was as follows:-

- Section 22(2) of the National Assistance Act 1948 made provision for charging for residential care services which in essence was a requirement to charge the actual cost of provision of residential care service. The intention was to bring charges closer to the actual cost;
- The three in-house residential care homes had different unit costs, related primarily to their size, Seaton Grove 48 beds, Beech Hill House and Kinloch 16 beds each. The biggest home achieved economies of scale because of its size and would always be less expensive to run than Kinloch and Beech Hill House;
- Consideration was given to averaging the actual cost across the three care homes but this was discounted because it was felt a) that the cost increase for self funders would be too great, and b) Seaton Grove residents (the majority of service users) would be charged more than the actual cost, which would be unfair and would potentially create inequality;
- Consideration was given to charging the actual cost in each care home (i.e. separate charges for each care home). This was discounted because it would have meant charging being different according to where residents actually lived. The Head of Community Health and Care – South explained that generally people preferred to live in homes near to where they come from and where their family was. If a separate charge approach was taken, people in Forfar and Carnoustie/Monifieth would pay more for care home places in Beech Hill House and Kinloch than people in Arbroath would pay for Seaton Grove, so it was felt that this was unfair;
- It was therefore settled on using the Seaton Grove cost as the marker because it brought the charge closer to the actual cost, was fairest across the board and it did not disadvantage any particular socio-economic groups.

In terms of the Equality Impact Assessment he advised the following:-

- The EIA had not specifically referenced any Fairer Scotland duties, although these informed thinking. There was a requirement to consider how, in any strategic change, to reduce inequalities based on socio-economic characteristics. The approach to contributions on ability to pay protected people who were socially or economically disadvantaged. Only those people who were able to pay the increase would have to do so. People who were less well-off were protected by the contributions system.

- The EIA would be updated to clearly reflect that this had been given due consideration.

Councillor Bell highlighted that she initially had concerns in terms of the Report however given the further information provided by the Head of Community Health and Social Care – South, some of these had now been addressed.

She again raised her concern in relation to increased charges and the potential increases in falls. The Service Leader, Angus Health and Social Care indicated that there was no reported increase in falls. She provided an update in terms of the process undertaken when service users terminated their contract for services and the other options made available to them. She also confirmed that the falls data was reviewed monthly.

In response to questions and comments from the Carers Representative, Councillor Myles and the Service User Representative, the Chief Finance Officer provided an update.

Having heard from the Chair, the Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the proposed changes in charging arrangement for 2020/21;
- (i) to note that these proposals may be adjusted in light of further information over coming weeks; and
- (ii) to note that a final report would be submitted to the Angus Council meeting in February 2020, for approval.

#### **4. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER**

There was submitted Report No IJB 2/20 by the Chief Officer to consider appointing an Interim Chief Officer following the resignation of Vicky Irons, Chief Officer and to agree the procedure for appointing a successor Chief Officer.

The Report indicated that the Board's current Chief Officer had resigned. Discussions had taken place between relevant officers within NHS Tayside and Angus Council (including both Chief Executives) and it was agreed that it was necessary to appoint an Interim Chief Officer to ensure the continued effective and efficient operation of integrated services in Angus pending the appointment of a permanent successor Chief Officer.

The Carers Representative suggested that the job description be amended to include the successes of the partnership, for example Help to Live at Home and Angus Care Model.

The Service User Representative enquired as to the operational position in terms of the Head of Community Health and Care – North's post. The Chief Officer confirmed that arrangements were being put in place.

The Chair and Vice Chair personally thanked the Chief Officer for her support provided to them. The Chair on behalf of the Board thereafter thanked her for her valuable contributions since taking up the post in 2015 and wished her every success in the future.

The Chief Officer thereafter reflected on her role as Chief Officer in Angus highlighting the challenges and success of the Partnership and the significant changes and improvements that had been achieved in health and care services in Angus.

The Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to appoint Gail Smith as its Interim Chief Officer pending the appointment of a permanent successor Chief Officer; and
- (ii) to approve the procedure for appointing a permanent Chief Officer as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report.

**5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Integration Joint Board noted that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 26 February 2020 at 2.00pm in the Town and County Hall, Forfar.