



ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 26 AUGUST 2020

UPDATE ON ANGUS RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS FROM THE MINISTERIAL STRATEGIC GROUP

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ABSTRACT

This report brings forward an update on progress with the action plan developed following the report from the Joint Ministerial Strategic Group (MSG). Delivering the action plan required support from both NHS Tayside and Angus Council.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:

- (i) notes the progress made on delivering the action plan.

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 set 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 contained 25 proposals aimed at improving progress with delivering the intentions of the public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2015.

Following a self-assessment an Angus action plan was developed. The action plan included 57 actions. The self-assessment and action plan were approved by the IJB in August 2019 (report no. 55/19).

3. CURRENT POSITION

Good progress has been made in delivering the action plan. With 37 actions completed, 2 actions cancelled and merged into other actions as they overlap in their intent and 5 actions are in progress within the timescale. The timescales set by the Ministerial Strategic Group were challenging and in developing the action plan for Angus, we aimed to complete the actions within the identified timescales. The timescales, alongside the re-deployment of key staff to support the response to COVID-19 outbreak, has led to some actions remaining incomplete.

The themes of those actions in progress and overdue actions are:

- Review of the Integration Scheme and arrangements by Angus Council and NHS Tayside to support the functioning of the partnership
- Finance and resourcing issues including agreements over set aside arrangements
- Review of strategic commissioning arrangements including development of a delivery plan
- Completion of reviews of other policies eg publication scheme

A recovery plan is being developed to ensure that all outstanding actions are progressed.

A copy of the update report on each action is attached as Appendix 1.

4. DIRECTIONS

The Integration Joint Board requires a mechanism to action its strategic commissioning plans and this is provided for in Section 26 to 28 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. This mechanism takes the form of binding directions from the Integration Joint Board to one or both of Angus Council and NHS Tayside.

Direction Required to Angus Council, NHS Tayside or Both	Direction to:	
	No Direction Required	X
	Angus Council	
	NHS Tayside	
	Angus Council and NHS Tayside	

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

Progress continues to be made in respect of delivering the action plan. The risk is that actions are not progressed.

Likelihood (2) x Impact (4) = Overall risk score of (8)
Risk Category: Strategic

6. CONCLUSIONS

Good progress has been made in addressing the issues raised in the Integration Self-Assessment and is evidenced in the agreed action plan. It is recognised there are still areas of activity that require to be progressed.

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