



AGENDA ITEM NO 10

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ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 24 FEBRUARY 2021

UPDATE REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL UNIT

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ABSTRACT

This report updates members of a review concerning the proposed Specialist Mental Health Residential Unit within Seaton Grove Residential Home, Arbroath.

Due to the significant reduction in occupancy levels in all Angus Care Homes it is necessary to reconsider the options available regarding potential sites and provider.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board: -

(i) note the content of this report.

2. BACKGROUND

Prior to 2019 Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) had explored various options to commission a specialist mental health unit within a local care home. At that time there were no interested parties within the third or private sector.

In February 2019 the IJB approved the recommendation contained within the Review of Residential Care Home Provision on Angus (IJB 07/19). This report supported the commissioning of a mental health wing within Seaton Grove, Arbroath. This seven bedded unit would meet the needs of vulnerable individuals who have a functional mental illness, but also have a physical disability or frailty due to either their age or cognitive impairment. There was evidence of inequality where people were refused admission to generic care homes based on their mental health diagnosis rather than an inability to meet any of their other needs. A specialist unit was required to ensure a provider had the skills and knowledge to support and manage the specific needs of this population. In the last 10 years data indicates that approximately one person per year requires this level of accommodation.

This unit could be provided as part of the Seaton Grove facility i.e. overall management from on-site generic team, with existing care staff up-skilled to work in a specific unit for individuals with a functional mental illness.

There have been positive consultation meetings with Seaton Grove staff, Friends of Seaton Grove and existing residents and their relatives. The Business Case and architectural plans were completed in 2019 and building work was due to commence in the summer of 2020, however due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, no physical work has commenced on site to date.

3. CURRENT POSITION

Due to COVID-19, Angus Care Homes are currently operating with approximately 150 vacancies (15%).

It is essential that the HSCP pause its current plans to progress this unit within Seaton Grove and revisit the opportunity with all current local residential care providers to ensure that a provider is selected following best value principles. In addition we need to work with all providers and develop strong future business models and mitigate future risks associated with the current number of vacancies.

The HSCP remain committed to providing a specialist mental health unit in 2021. The creation of this project, will allow the movement of individuals out of existing and into more appropriate accommodation with the correct design and social model. It will improve the capacity and flow within hospital wards, and other levels of supported accommodation.

This project is not directly linked to the Tayside Redesign of Mental Health Services but reflects the HSCPs statutory responsibility to provide suitable accommodation with support and tackle inequalities.

4. PROPOSALS

The HSCP intends to issue a Prior Information Notice (PIN) to gauge interest within current residential care providers to develop this unit in partnership. Any interest would be considered along with the existing Seaton Grove proposal. A condition would be there would be no increased costs and the unit could be operational with minimal delay

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no anticipated additional costs associated with this review i.e. the original capital and revenue costs are contained within the current HSCP financial framework.

The original report noted that there was an initial shortfall in revenue funding and that it was intended that further work be undertaken to fully develop the proposal. This review will contribute to that process.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS – if applicable

None

7. 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	

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