



ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 26 OCTOBER 2022

ANNUAL CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER REPORT 2021-2022

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ABSTRACT

This report presents the Angus Council Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2021 to 2022. The report and its consideration are a requirement to ensure oversight and accountability within the local authority for all social work and social care services. The report is now submitted to the Integration Joint Board for information and to contribute to the assurance relating to the provision of statutory social work and social care services delivered by the Health and Social Care Partnership and delegated to the Integration Joint Board. Following approval by Angus Council at their meeting on 3 November 2022, the report will be submitted to the Office of the Chief Social Work Adviser at Scottish Government.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:-

- (i) Note the contents of the Annual Chief Social Work Officer Report for 2021-2022 (appendix 1).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This Annual Chief Social Work Officer Report provides an overview of social work and social care services, including commissioned services delivered during the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.
- 2.2 Statutory Guidance issued by the Scottish Government requires the Chief Social Work Officer to produce an annual report giving 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 Local Authority's Chief Executive in respect of any significant, serious, or immediate risk or concern arising from statutory responsibilities within her professional remit.
- 2.3 The report details arrangements within Angus Council to enable the Chief Social Work Officer to fulfil the responsibilities contained in the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and the legislation referred to in Section 5 (1B) of that Act.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 The report outlines how Angus Council performed in the delivery of a wide range of social work and social care services during 2021-2022. It draws on a range of performance information, a proportion of which will have been considered in more depth throughout the year by individual Council Committees and/or the Integration Joint Board. The outcome of external and internal evaluation and improvement activities are also referenced, including:
 - Summary of Performance – key achievements and challenges, developments and improvements during the year
 - Service quality and performance including delivery of statutory functions
 - Finance
 - Workforce

- 3.2 The report acknowledges the external pressures that have impacted on the delivery of services and increased service demand this year including the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, the emerging cost of living crisis and the budgetary pressures on all local authority and partner services. A further impact is the transformative change proposed via the National Care Service. The Chief Social Work Officer acknowledges the significant impact of the societal, economic and policy climate during the year and continuing into this next reporting year and credits the workforce with their commitment to remain steady, secure and supportive of people during throughout.
- 3.3 Whilst acknowledging the developments and challenges over the course of the year, the report summarises some key priorities for social work and social care over the next period including ensuring sufficient provision of local care options for children, young people and adults, developing support for carers and whole family support options and engaging in and managing the implications of the National Care Service. Internal scrutiny and improvement arising from Significant Case Review P19 will continue to ensure that improvements are implemented.
- 3.4 The Chief Social Work Officer will continue to discharge her duties in respect of professional oversight of social work practice and delivery and maintain membership of strategic governance groups as described in the report.

4. PROPOSALS

Members of the Integration and Joint Board are asked to note the contents of the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report 2021-2022.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

6. RISK

There are no risks arising directly from this report. Relevant areas of risk are included in the wider risk register.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

N/A

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as this is an information report only.

9. 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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List of Appendices: Appendix 1 – Annual Chief Social Work Officer Report 2021-2022