



ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 25 OCTOBER 2023
ANNUAL CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER REPORT 2022-2023
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ABSTRACT

This report presents the Angus Council Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2022 to 2023. The report and its consideration is a requirement to ensure oversight and accountability within the local authority for all social work and social care services, including those delegated to the Integration Joint Board. Following approval at Angus Council on 7 September 2023, the report was submitted to the Office of the Chief Social Work Adviser to 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 2022-23 (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 2022 to 31 March 2023.
- 2.2 This 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 (as amended).

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 The report at Appendix 1 outlines how Angus Council performed in the delivery of a wide range of social work and social care services during 2022-2023. 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. It should be noted that there is also overlap with separate detailed annual reports in relation to both Adult and Child Protection Committees given the significant role that social work holds in these multi-agency systems.
- 3.2 The report acknowledges the pressures that impact on the delivery of services and the continued increase in service demand this year including the cost-of-living crisis and the budgetary pressures on all local authority and partner services. The Chief Social Work Officer acknowledges the significant impact of the socio-economic and policy climate during the year and commends the workforce, including paid and unpaid carers, for their commitment and dedication to their provision of support to those who need it.
- 3.3 The report summarises key priorities for social work and social care for 2023-24 including work to ensure sufficient provision of local care options for children, young people and adults, continued development of support for carers and whole family support alongside managing the implications emerging from the National Care Service Bill and other significant policy and legislative developments.

3.4 Angus Health and Social Care Partnership social work and social care practice oversight and governance continue to be delivered through the combination of our locally agreed integrated Clinical Care Governance arrangements, the Executive Management Team and multi-agency public protection partnership arrangements.

4. PROPOSALS

Members of the Integration and Joint Board are asked to note the contents of the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report 2022-23.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

6. RISK

There are no risk implications arising directly from this report.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

8. 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 - Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2022-2023