
Report to Clackmannanshire Council

Date of Meeting: 25 June 2020

Subject: Review of the Clackmannanshire & Stirling Integration Scheme

Report by: Senior Manager, Legal and Governance

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. This report advises Council on the statutory duty to review the Integration Scheme for the Clackmannanshire & Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership and provides an update on progress.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. Note the requirement to review the Integration Scheme (paragraph 3.6).
- 2.2. Note that an initial review of the Integration Scheme has been undertaken, (paragraphs 3.9 – 3.12)
- 2.3. Note that the existing Integration Scheme will remain in place until the review is completed and
- 2.4. Note the actions being taken forward in June, if the emergency response to COVID-19 pandemic has reduced. (paragraphs 3.13 – 3.15)

3.0 Considerations

Background

- 3.1. The Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014 sets the framework for integrating adult health and social care, to ensure a consistent provision of quality, sustainable care services for the increasing numbers of people in Scotland who need joined-up support and care, particularly people with multiple, complex, long-term conditions.

- 3.2. The Integration Scheme is a legally binding agreement between Councils and Health Board who are known as ‘the parties’ in the Integration Scheme. The scheme describes what the parties will do to enable the Integration Joint Board (IJB) to meet its responsibilities (or ‘delegated functions’). It does not describe what the IJB will do in detail. The IJB became responsible for adult and older peoples services in April 2016. The scheme contains high level statements of commitment to ensure flexibility and accommodate future changes.

Integration Scheme Review

- 3.3. The current Integration Scheme can be found on the Clackmannanshire & Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership website here:
<https://clacksandstirlinghscp.org/about-us/integration-scheme/>
- 3.4. The current Integration Scheme was approved by all Constituent Authorities and endorsed by the then Partnership Transition Board in June 2015.
- 3.5. The Integration Scheme was submitted to Scottish Ministers on 1 April 2015, as required, and was approved by Ministers on 4 September 2015 where it was laid before Parliament before coming into force on 3 October 2015.
- 3.6. Under Section 44 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014 paragraph (5) the Constituent Authorities have a legal duty to formally review the Integration Scheme five years from its date of approval, in this case by October 2020.
- 3.7. If the Integration Scheme is not reviewed, the Constituent Authorities would be in breach of the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014. To mitigate this risk, the Integration Scheme must be finalised, approved by Constituent Authorities and submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport for approval.
- 3.8. There is no requirement for the Integration Scheme to be laid before Parliament going forward.

Progress With Review

- 3.9. On 21 January 2020 an initial session was held with:
- Chief Officer (HSCP)
 - Chief Finance Officer (HSCP)
 - Programme Manager (HSCP)
 - Chief Executive of Clackmannanshire Council
 - Section 95 Officer for Clackmannanshire Council
 - Chief Executive of NHS Forth Valley
 - Director of Finance for NHS Forth Valley
 - Chief Executive of Stirling Council
 - Section 95 Officer for Stirling Council
 - Chief Officer – Governance, Stirling Council
 - Senior Manager Legal and Governance, Clackmannanshire Council

3.10. The programme manager took the group through a presentation which set out the requirements (section 2 above) and identified areas for review and updating, these were:

- Local Governance Arrangements
- Local Operational Delivery / Arrangements
- Performance
- Clinical and Care Governance
- Finance
- Participation and Engagement
- Information Sharing and Data Handling

3.11. This was the initial review of the Integration Scheme. It was identified that the next stage should be engagement with Council members and an agreement had been made to have a session (mid April 2020) with wider representation (including IJB Elected Members, Non Executives and others) to make agreements as to how to proceed. In addition the Board had agreed to hold a development session which would have contributed to a review of the Integration Scheme. However, due to our ongoing efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic this work is currently not being prioritised and will be revisited. The existing Integration Scheme remains in place.

3.12. These sessions will require to be rescheduled.

Actions Required

3.13. Reschedule the planned session and ensure agreement has been reached.

3.14. An action plan to be developed; and ensure relevant leads are tasked with writing any required amendments to the Integration Scheme sections if required.

3.15. Chief Executives present the Integration Scheme (with any amendments if there are any) for approval by the Constituent Authority.

Conclusions

3.16. The paper outlines the Constituent Authorities statutory responsibilities to review the Integration Scheme as set out in section 44 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014 paragraph (5).

3.17. Actions identified in this report will enable the Constituent Authorities to meet their statutory responsibilities to review the Integration Scheme as set out in section 44 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014 paragraph (5).

3.18. Reports, similar to this one, will be presented to other Constituent Authorities for noting.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

4.1. None to note

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. *Financial Details*

5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

5.4. *Staffing*

Time of relevant staff members to attend a session and draft any potential changes to the Integration Scheme.

6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1. Is this report exempt? (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

- Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all
- Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life
- Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential
- Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?
Yes No

9.0 Legality

- 9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

- 10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

11.0 Background Papers

- 11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)
Yes (please list the documents below) No


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<https://clacksandstirlinghscp.org/about-us/integration-scheme/>

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