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REPORT OF MEETINGS

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

7th DECEMBER 2023

THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY SUMMARY



KEY POINTS

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1. Today's meeting was Chaired by Councillor Andy McFarlane, Chair of the IJB.
2. The meeting started with an update on the next stage of engagement around Right Care Right Place. Engagement sessions started w/c 5 December to engage with local communities in each of the 8 home team areas. The aim of this stage of engagement is to develop options for more effective delivery of services; consultation will follow.

I asked for clarification around the audience for engagement – it was confirmed that at this stage engagement will be with people who participated in earlier events; there will be further opportunities to participate through the consultation phase.

3. Future dates for each of the IJB committees were circulated for information.
4. An update was provided on IJB membership; contact has been re-established with carers and patient representatives.
5. Updates were given by each of the IJB sub-committees, with a particular emphasis on the Strategic Planning, Delivery and Commissioning Committee who provided recommendations to the IJB on a number of strategic decisions:

Carers Strategy – IJB asked to note the development of a national carers' strategy and approved development of a carers' delivery plan, engagement plan and timeline. A carers' survey will be developed and published to measure impact; focus group discussions will take place and engagement will take place with the ECHO group (carers with lived experience).

D&G Independent Advocacy Plan – requirement for each area to have independent advocacy; a joint plan is being developed between NHS and DG Council; this plan was approved in draft. A 12-week period of engagement is about to begin.

Non-registered third sector contracts – It was noted that a significant amount of money is invested in third sector commissions; also noted that some third sector contracts are out of date/not compliant with current procurement legislation and that some TSOs are delivering services with no formal contract in place. It was noted that this work is required to get all third sector contracts back on track to meet statutory legislation; timeline to have all contracts completed by March 2025.

I commented that this has taken some TSOs by surprise. The first tranche of contracts to be reviewed are day centres; this will go live on 8th December with deadlines for

submission mid-January. I raised concern about the timelines involved and the pressure on services over the festive period. I stressed the importance of ensuring that support is available for all TSOs going through the process.

Care and support at home – an update was provided on the care at home collaborative. Payment on plan has introduced greater flexibility. It was noted that it is important to look at delivering care in a different way; it was suggested that the partnership is running to stand still with the ask can we scale up and think differently. The level of harm being caused to people delayed in hospital; we can't keep doing what we have always been doing.

6. The financial performance update noted that the partnership currently sits with a £20million deficit. It will be difficult to get to an agreed position.
7. The IJB Annual Performance Report has been approved; the new approach to annual reporting taken by DG HSCP has been commended by the Scottish Government.
8. A presentation was given on winter planning; it was suggested that community challenges should be added to the plan as it currently focuses on acute challenges.
9. An update was provided on the Wigtownshire Maternity Services Review which is currently out for public consultation. The 12-week consultation phase was launched in late November and will continue until 11 February.