



Agenda item: 21.

Integration Joint Board

Date of Meeting: 27 June 2018.

Subject: Chief Officer's Group.

1. Summary

1.1. This report highlights the key agenda items that were discussed by the Chief Officer's Group at its meeting on 2 May 2018.

2. Purpose

2.1. To update Members on the current business of the Chief Officer's Group.

2.2. To provide assurance to the Board that relevant issues are being discussed.

3. Recommendations

The Integration Joint Board is invited to:

3.1. Note the content of the report.

4. Key Agenda Items

4.1. Redesign of Adult Protection Committee and Child Protection Committee to an Integrated Structure

4.1.1. Chief Officers took time to reflect on the recommendation of Child Protection Committee and Adult Protection Committee to move away from a structure involving 3 different agendas to a single meeting format. The key drivers identified included a move to exception reporting, enhanced performance monitoring and protected time to explore key issues requiring senior leader's attention. As a result, Orkney will now have an integrated Adult and Child Protection Committee to replace the existing separate Adult Protection and Child Protection Committees.

4.2. Chief Officers National Leadership Event

4.2.1. The independent chair and Chief Social Work Officer fed back on the national Chief Officer Group leadership event held in Glasgow on 26 April. Key issues raised at the national event that were explored by Orkney Chief Officer Group included:

- The importance of child welfare and protection as a moral and ethical priority for local authorities.
- Is Chief Officer Group aware of the context of our Social Work and protection systems.
- Ensuring the relationship between Chief Officer Group and protection committees is robust.
- How we identify emerging risks and embed practice changes.

4.3. National Evidence and Procedure Review of Child and Vulnerable Witnesses – Joint Investigative Interview Workstream

4.3.1. Chief Officer Group discussed the impact for Orkney of recent indications nationally of a regionalised, specialist approach to joint investigative interviewing. There was agreement that the potential need for children and young people to leave Orkney at a time of significant trauma around disclosure would not be in their best interests. Chief Officer Group reflected that this approach was contradictory to recent steps to introduce forensic medical facilities in island communities and agreed to make further representations on this issue.

5. Contribution to quality

Please indicate which of the Council Plan 2018 to 2023 and 2020 vision/quality ambitions are supported in this report adding Yes or No to the relevant area(s):

Promoting survival: To support our communities.	No.
Promoting sustainability: To make sure economic, environmental and social factors are balanced.	No.
Promoting equality: To encourage services to provide equal opportunities for everyone.	Yes.
Working together: To overcome issues more effectively through partnership working.	Yes.
Working with communities: To involve community councils, community groups, voluntary groups and individuals in the process.	No.
Working to provide better services: To improve the planning and delivery of services.	Yes.
Safe: Avoiding injuries to patients from healthcare that is intended to help them.	No.
Effective: Providing services based on scientific knowledge.	Yes.
Efficient: Avoiding waste, including waste of equipment, supplies, ideas, and energy.	No.

6. Resource implications and identified source of funding

6.1. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

7. Risk and Equality assessment

7.1. There are no risk and equality implications directly arising from this report.

8. Direction Required

Please indicate if this report requires a direction to be passed to:

NHS Orkney.	No.
Orkney Islands Council.	No.
Both NHS Orkney and Orkney Islands Council.	No

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