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Agenda Item: 12.

Integration Joint Board

Date of Meeting: 29 October 2020.

Subject: Independent Review of Adult Social Care.

1. Summary

1.1. The First Minister announced, on 1 September 2020, that there would be an Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland as part of the Programme for Government and a report would be concluded by January 2021.

2. Purpose

2.1. To advise Members of the National Independent Review of Adult Social Care.

3. Recommendations

The Integration Joint Board is invited to:

3.1. Note that a national Independent Review of Adult Social Care is taking place and there will be further opportunities for lead professionals and Integration Board Chairs to contribute.

4. Background

4.1. On 1 September 2020 the First Minister announced that an Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland would be undertaken as part of the Programme for Government. Derek Feeley, a former Scottish Government Director General for Health and Social Care and Chief Executive of NHS Scotland, has been appointed to chair the review. Mr Feeley is supported by an Advisory Panel comprising Scottish and international experts. The independent review will report by January 2021.

4.2. The principal aim of the review is to recommend improvements to adult social care in Scotland, primarily in terms of the outcomes achieved by and with people who use services, their carers and families, and the experience of people who work in adult social care. The review is taking a human-rights based approach.

5. Process and Aims

5.1. The membership of the review consists of:

- Malcolm Chisholm: Former Scottish Minister for Health and Community Care 2001-2004.
- Anna Dixon: Chief Executive, Centre for Ageing Better.
- Caroline Gardner: Auditor General 2012–2020.
- Stuart Currie: East Lothian Councillor.
- Göran Henriks: Chief Executive of Learning and Innovation, Kultorum, Jönköping County, Sweden.
- Ian Welsh: Chief Executive, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland.
- Jim Elder-Woodward: Chair of the Scottish Independent Living Coalition.

5.2. The Review will consider and make recommendations on:

- The needs, rights and preferences of people who use services, their carers and families.
- The experience of people who work in social care, including their employment arrangements, opportunities for training and progression, and relationships with other professions across health and social care.
- Arrangements for funding, governance, ownership, administration and delivery of social care services.
- Arrangements for meaningfully involving users in the assessment of need and in co-design and co-production (including self-directed support).
- Social care and health care service models and their interaction with other services, such as housing, education and employment.
- Regulation, scrutiny, quality assessment and quality improvement capacity and capability.
- The role of local communities in providing capacity and assets to support people to live as well and as independently as possible and to enjoy the same facilities, universal services and opportunities as other citizens.
- The role and contribution of local and system level leadership:
- Future policy developments that should be a focus for the Scottish Government and any recommendations regarding the legislation that currently underpins social care provision and regulation.
- Opportunities to redesign the overall system of social care to improve people's experience of care.

5.3. The review will consider what is required to achieve the highest attainable standard of support for the independence and wellbeing of people who use adult social care services. This will include, but not be constrained to, the following matters:

- How equitable and non-discriminatory enjoyment of rights can be achieved.
- How decision-making, participation, independent living and control can be maximised by people using adult social care services.
- People’s experiences of adult social care support and outcomes achieved.
- How individuals’ social care “needs” are assessed by social work, social care and health professionals.
- The overall quality, and sustainability of current social care services and supports.
- The need to develop a skilled, purposeful and sustainable adult social care workforce.
- The effectiveness of the statutory environment within which adult social care is commissioned, procured and delivered.

6. Previous and Ongoing work

6.1. The review will consider previous and ongoing work in this field, including:

- The programme for social care reform currently being taken forward by the Scottish Government and COSLA.
- Progress with integration of health and social care in Scotland, including the outcomes of the recent review undertaken by the Scottish Government and COSLA.
- Work undertaken by the Care Inspectorate to consider opportunities for improving adult social care provision.
- Work undertaken by wider partners including the third sector to understand people’s experience of care and support improvement.
- Scrutiny by Audit Scotland of social care and progress with integrating health and social care.
- Scrutiny by the Health and Sport Committee of the Scottish Parliament of reform of social care to date and progress with integrating health and social care.

7. Review Outcomes

7.1. The review will produce its report by January 2021, which will make such recommendations as the Chair considers appropriate in relation to improving adult social care in terms of any of the matters listed under the remit, and any other recommendations as the Chair considers appropriate.

7.2. The Chair has overall responsibility for the report but will ensure that people with lived experience of using social care are at the centre of the review, and fully involved in proposing recommendations for the final report, together with the views of carers and families, members of the workforce and local communities.

8. Orkney’s Contributions to date

8.1. The Interim Chief Officer has contributed to a national meeting with the independent chair at which the following points were made:

- It is important to recognise the distinct roles of social work and social care in Scotland – these need to be more clearly defined. Social work is very different.
- It is important to recognise and acknowledge that social care delivery is very different in dispersed islands groups. It is key that decisions about how these services are delivered are made as geographically close as possible to where the consequences are felt by decision-makers who understand the challenges because they live there. For example, to support a person in North Ronaldsay, flights could be involved and a range of integrated working with other health and care services including the third sector. It is important that such local decision-making is not lost, and any proposals are thoroughly islands-proofed.
- It is important to have ‘bottom up’ planning, through the Partnerships.
- The review group must be mindful of the spirit of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and community led support.
- Key to the review is a well-articulated statement of the clear purposes of social care – much of what is in place is outdated.
- Strengthening leadership of integration is a solution – it is a very cluttered landscape at present, and further work needs to be done to gain a common understanding of integration.
- There are challenges relating to budget and affordability.

9. Contribution to quality

Please indicate which of the Orkney Community Plan 2019 to 2022 visions are supported in this report adding Yes or No to the relevant area(s):

Resilience: To support and promote our strong communities.	No.
Enterprise: To tackle crosscutting issues such as digital connectivity, transport, housing and fuel poverty.	No.
Equality: To encourage services to provide equal opportunities for everyone.	Yes.
Fairness: To make sure socio-economic and social factors are balanced.	Yes.
Innovation: To overcome issues more effectively through partnership working.	No.
Leadership: To involve partners such as community councils, community groups, voluntary groups and individuals in the process.	No.
Sustainability: To make sure economic and environmental factors are balanced.	No.

10. Resource implications and identified source of funding

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

11. Risk and Equality assessment

11.1. There are no risk or equality implications directly arising from this report.

12. 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.

13. Escalation Required

Please indicate if this report requires escalated to:

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

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