

Meeting:	Board
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Title:	Aberdeen City Draft Integration Scheme
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1 Purpose

The Board is asked to endorse the Aberdeen City Integration Scheme for submission to Scottish Ministers.

This report relates to a:

- Legal requirement

This aligns to the following NHS Scotland quality ambition(s):

- Effective

2 Report summary

2.1 Situation

Section 2(3) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act (2014) requires each local authority and the Health Board to jointly prepare an Integration Scheme for the area of the local authority. Sections 44(2) and 44(5)(a) require that the local authority and the Health Board must carry out a review of the Integration Scheme within five years. Aberdeen City's current Integration Scheme was last approved in March 2018 and a review is therefore required by March 2023. Section 7(1) requires the local authority and the Health Board to jointly submit an Integration Scheme to the Scottish Ministers for approval. The Board is asked to endorse the draft, revised Integration Scheme for Aberdeen City (Appendix 1) prior to submission to Scottish Ministers.

2.2 Background

The first Integration Scheme for Aberdeen City was developed in March 2015. It was revised in April 2018 mainly to reflect changes in legislation brought about by the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 but, in addition, further changes were made to reflect the passage of time and to bring clarity and accuracy to arrangements since the

Integration Joint Board was first established. The timeline for revision of the current Scheme is that it must be completed, approved, and published by March 2023. Following consideration by the Board, the draft Scheme of Integration will also be considered by Aberdeen City Full Council on 22nd February 2023. Thereafter it will be submitted to Scottish Ministers allowing time for their review and subsequent approval within the required timescale.

2.3 Assessment

Appendix 2 details the changes made to the existing Integration Scheme. Although 24 changes are listed, most of these are minor clarifications and updating. The most significant additions are: -

- the inclusion of the recently approved Whistleblowing Policy,
- a more robust reflection of the joint Locality Planning Arrangements and involvement of communities,
- inclusion of delegated responsibility for the delivery of Mental Health Services (although the transfer of budget has not yet taken place), and
- the addition of pharmaceutical services for under 18s (note this was an omission from earlier versions)

The lifespan of the Integration Scheme is technically to March 2028. However, it is recognised that the implementation of a National Care Service and the change to Care Boards will likely happen prior to this requiring new arrangements to be put in place.

2.3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

Aberdeen City's Integration Scheme should have a neutral to positive impact on the quality of care and services. It is the governance from which services are delegated to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) and does not change the way community health and social care services are managed or delivered within Aberdeen City.

2.3.2 Workforce

Aberdeen City's Integration Scheme should have a neutral to positive impact on staff resources and health and wellbeing. It is the governance from which services are delegated to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) and does not change the way community health and social care services are managed or delivered within Aberdeen City.

2.3.3 Financial

Whilst Mental Health Inpatient Services and Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) are delegated operationally and strategically to the IJBs, the transfer of funding to the IJBs for these services has not taken place. The Mental Health Inpatient Services and CAMHS are currently overspending and this is being funded by NHS Grampian. A report will be presented to the IJBs, by the 31 March 2024 on the financing arrangements, once a full review of these budgets has been

undertaken. At this point the IJB will be able to determine whether the funding for these services should transfer into the IJB budget.

Aberdeen City's Integration Scheme should have a neutral to positive impact on capital and revenue finance and efficiencies. It is the governance from which services are delegated to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) and does not change the way community health and social care services are managed or delivered within Aberdeen City. The existing IJB budget will continue to be managed in the same way as before.

2.3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

There is no change to the risk assessment or management of services. Were the draft Integration Scheme not to be endorsed and allowed to progress to the timetable noted at 2.2 above, NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Council would risk being in breach of a legislative requirement.

2.3.5 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities

In relation to the amendments to the Scheme, it is not considered that the changes require a reconsideration of the impacts already identified by an Equality Impact Assessment completed during development of previous Integration Scheme.

2.3.6 Other impacts

No other relevant impacts have been identified.

2.3.7 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

The stakeholders prescribed to be consulted are listed at section 13.5 (page 37) of the Integration Scheme. Consultation with staff and communities began at the end of June 2022. Initial feedback from communities was that the document was too long and complicated for most to read and understand. A summary version was created, and this went out for public consultation in November and December 2022 with comments received incorporated in the latest draft.

2.3.8 Route to the Meeting

The Scheme has previously been considered by the following groups as part of its development: -

- Senior Leadership Team, ACHSCP (29.06.22 and 10.08.22)
- Operational Teams, ACHSCP (at various dates between the two dates above)
- Aberdeen City Strategic Planning Group (18.08.22, 29.09.22 and 10.11.22)
- Community Groups and Partners (at various points between SPG meetings)
- ACHSCP Executive Programme Board, 24.08.22

- Public and Partners including Aberdeen City IJB (throughout November and December 2022)

Responses to the consultation was strongest from professional and staff groups although the community's representation to have their involvement reflected more robustly was an important and welcome revision.

2.4 Recommendation

The Board is asked to:

- **Endorsement** – endorse the Aberdeen City Integration Scheme for submission to Scottish Ministers.

3 List of appendices

The following appendices are included with this report:

- Appendix 1 – Aberdeen City Integration Scheme April 2023
- Appendix 2 – List of Changes to Aberdeen City Integration Scheme April 2023