



ANGUS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

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CHIEF OFFICER UPDATE

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1 ABSTRACT

This report provides an update to Angus Integration Joint Board (IJB) on behalf of the Chief Officer, Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP), on items that do not merit a full report, but AIJB may wish to note. The report summarises a range of work being taken forward, taking a collaborative and strategic approach, aimed to continue to address a variety of issues facing AHSCP and improve outcomes for service users and carers in Angus. The report also includes information in relation to a range of policy updates. Topics covered in the report include:

- Delayed discharge position.
- Annat Bank Practice, Montrose.
- Young Carers.
- What Matters to You – Tommy Whitelaw Visits.
- National Care Service update.
- Estimating the burden of disease attributable to physical inactivity in Scotland.
- Scottish Government’s Programme for Government.
- Consumer Scotland Act 2020 update.
- Leadership update.
- Angus IJB Member visits.

2 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Angus IJB note the update provided within this report.

3 BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION

3.1 Delayed discharge position

As at 16/10/2024 there were 23 delays (plus 6 Learning Disabilities (LD)) - Total Delays 29.

| Classification | Number delayed |
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| Ninewells | 7 |
| Royal Victoria Hospital | 4 |
| Angus Community Hospitals | 7 |
| Psychiatry of Old Age | 2 |
| General Adult Psychiatry/Angus Integrated Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service | 1 |
| Murray Royal | 2 |
| Learning Disability | 6 |

3.2 Unmet Need

There are currently 61 ongoing waits for initial assessments with Service User (SU) services in Angus. Of these, 49 have had at least one appointment date offered (14 of which have Did not Attend/Could Not Attend and have either been offered or are awaiting confirmation of a

subsequent appointment date). Of the remaining 12, only 2 have been waiting more than 3 weeks.

3.3 Annat Bank Practice, Montrose

Annat Bank Practice, located within Links Health Centre, Montrose, has given notice to terminate its GMS contract with NHS Tayside, and the practice will close from Friday 29 November 2024. Until that time, the practice will continue to operate as usual, with the GPs continuing care for all registered patients. Patients do not need to take any action.

An Option Appraisal Process is underway with the following objectives to guide recommendations:

- Ensure that patients registered with Annat Bank Practice continue to have access to high-quality, person-centred and safe GP and primary care services.
- Retains GP services within the local area.
- Ensure that patients across all Angus practices continue to have access to high quality, person-centred and safe GP and primary care services.
- Ensure that the solution is achievable within the timeframe and sustainable long-term.
- Align any solution to the strategic direction for primary care services in Angus.
- Make the best use of resources (staff and space).
- Provide a finance assessment for any solution.

An equality impact assessment is being undertaken for each of the options being considered to inform decision making. AHSCP will continue to keep all stakeholders, including patients, councillors, and the wider community, updated on progress as these initiatives develop.

3.4 Young Carers

The Chief Social Worker Officer's Report 2023/24 highlights that there has been an increase in the number of young carers identified in Angus. Staff from AHSCP and Angus Carers Centre contributed to an STV news article released on 2 October 2024.

Angus IJB members received an update on progress to deliver the Angus Carer Strategic Plan in August 2024 (IJB 54/24) which included information about young carers. We continue to work with the Angus Carers Centre to support the young carers of Angus as the number of children and young people recorded as a young carer continues to rise year on year. Funding through the Promise and AHSCP has enabled focussed work to take place in primary and secondary schools to raise awareness and support a greater number of young people.

3.5 What Matters to You – Tommy Whitelaw Visits

Angus IJB members will be aware that AHSCP has commissioned Tommy Whitelaw to promote a 'What matters to you?' approach across Angus HSCP. The aim of Tommy's work is to promote multi-agency partnerships, and create a blueprint for embedding compassion, active listening, and intelligent kindness.

Tommy visited five sites across Angus on 23 and 24 September 2024, including Benholm Care Home in Forfar. A total of 53 people attended including Angus IJB member Andrew Jack who, similar to staff, provided very positive feedback. Further dates have been circulated and Angus IJB members are encouraged to attend.

3.6 National Care Service Update

The August Confederation of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) report updated Leaders on the status of discussions with the Scottish Government at political and official level in relation to the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill. This follows COSLA submitting evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on their further consideration of the Bill ahead of Stage 2 amendments.

Wide-ranging concerns have been expressed on the draft National Care Service Bill from Local Government professional associations as well as all main Local Government trade unions, Social Work Scotland and third sector organisations. Following over a year of discussions and negotiations, there remains considerable distance between COSLA and the Scottish Government on the purpose and intent of the legislation. The draft legislation also sits within the context of increasing financial sustainability and workforce pressures across

social care, social work and community health services, with the NCS Bill not addressing these significant pressures.

Further concerns were noted by COSLA regarding engagement with key stakeholders around risks, complexity and accountability and the need for greater engagement options in the future.

COSLA continue to engage with leaders around the challenges and opportunities within the National Care Service and AHSCP will continue to respond and contribute to discussions going forward.

3.7 Estimating the burden of disease attributable to physical inactivity in Scotland.

[Estimating the burden of disease attributable to physical inactivity in Scotland](#) was published by Public Health Scotland on 17 September 2024. Key findings from this study are:

- An estimated 3,185 deaths and over eleven thousand (11,474) Disability-Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) are attributable to physical inactivity in Scotland.
- More than 80% of these deaths and DALYs are due to the 'very low' physical activity category (those doing less than 30 mins/week of moderate physical activity per week).
- These estimations are larger than those produced by the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) study due to differences in methodology, detailed in the report.
- Estimates indicate substantial regional inequalities within Scotland in the burden of disease attributable to physical inactivity.
- Efforts to reduce the disease burden of physical inactivity should focus on those who are least active.

The study estimates that of the 62,941 deaths that occurred in Scotland in 2022, 3,185 were attributable to physical inactivity, with cancer and cardio-vascular disease (CVD) accounting for around one third of these. Over 80% of these deaths, equivalent to around 2,500 deaths from all causes, occur in those in the very low activity category.

Angus IJB members will be aware of the work, funded through the Prevention and Proactive Care Programme to re-launch the ANGUSalive Be Active...Live Well (BALW) Programme, which was described within the August 2024 IJB Strategic Planning Update (IJB 53/24). BALW participants continue to make a positive lifestyle change, the impact of which will carry through into their later years.

3.8 Scottish Government's Programme for Government

The [Scottish Government's Programme for Government](#) was published on 4 September 2024 and reiterates the four priorities of government: Eradicating Child Poverty; Growing the Economy; Tackling the Climate Emergency; and Ensuring High Quality and Sustainable Public Service.

There are a number of health and social care commitments including:

- Tackling waiting times and backlogs in healthcare.
- Increasing capacity and access to Primary Care.
- Reducing delayed discharges.
- Public services reform.
- Workforce including progressing to a 36-hour week for NHS Agenda for Change staff and ensuring learning time is protected.
- Reduce deaths and the level of harm caused by alcohol and drug deaths by delivering the National Mission.
- Learning disability; delivering the Disability Equality Plan.
- Dementia Support; increasing access to care and support people living with dementia receive.

The Scottish Government intends to introduce 14 Bills over the course of the parliamentary year, alongside 12 Bills already before the Scottish Parliament, this includes their commitment to ensure that the rights of neurodivergent people and people with learning disabilities are respected, protected and championed, by publishing draft provisions for a Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill. The Scottish Government are also committed to a refresh of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 in line with developing thinking and international standards of human rights. It will ensure adults are supported to make and act upon their own decisions for as long as possible. The Bill will also introduce proposals to

modernise how adults with incapacity can participate in research in Scotland, whilst continuing to ensure the rights, safety, dignity and wellbeing of these research participants are prioritised throughout the process.

3.9 Consumer Scotland Act 2020

Within my April update (IJB 13/24); I updated members about the Consumer Scotland Act 2020 which came into force on 1 April 2024.

The Act places a legal duty on listed authorities to consider the impact that strategic decisions will have on consumers in Scotland with a view to reducing harm. Service users and patients in receipt of health and social care services are considered 'consumers' under the new legislation. To evidence how AHSCP are paying due regard to the duty, a new assessment has been developed within the existing Equality Impact Assessment Template. The AHSCP Combined Impact Assessment now includes an Equality Impact Assessment, Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment, Child Right's and Wellbeing Impact Assessment and Consumer Duty Assessment. The revised assessment was presented to Consumer Scotland recently, who are the independent statutory body responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Act. The feedback received was extremely positive with the AHSCP Combined Impact Assessment being shared nationally as an example of good practice.

3.10 Leadership update

I am pleased to announce that Lisa Prudom has been appointed as the third Head of Community and Health Care Services and will take up post on the 4th of November 2024. Discussions are taking place regarding portfolios.

3.11 Scotland's Health Awards

Fran Guild has been shortlisted for the Support Worker Award at this year's Scotland's Health Awards. Fran is a Healthcare Support Worker in our SLT service based in RVH, she works inpatient and community. She was nominated by her team for the outstanding work she did supporting one of her patients as he prepared for his wedding.

The winners will be announced on Thursday 7th November at the o2 Academy, Edinburgh. More information can be found at www.scotlandshealthawards.co.uk

3.12 IJB Member visits

On 15 September 2024, I accompanied Cllr Meechan and Cllr Speed on a visit to the Community Alarm Control Room. This was followed by a meeting with the Enablement and Response Team.

On 4 October 2024, John Cooper, Head of Community and Health Care Services accompanied Nicky Connor, NHS Tayside Chief Executive, on a visit to Whitehills Hospital where they met with staff from a range of service areas: Medicine for the Elderly, Minor Injury and Illness, Community Treatment and Care, Adult Community Mental Health Team, Mental Health Officer Team, Mental Health Hub, and District Nursing. This was followed by a visit to Brechin Health Centre accompanied by Alison Clement, Associate Medical Director.

On 10 October 2024 I visited Beech Hill House with Sandra McLeod Interim Deputy Chief Executive where we met with staff and residents who had moved from the Gables.

On 23 October 2024 I accompanied Andrew Jack and Sam Riddell on a visit to the Minor Injury Unit and Community Treatment and Care Centre at Arbroath Infirmary. This was followed by a visit on Thursday 24 October 2024 to Whitehills Health and Community Care Centre which included a visit to the Medicine for the Elderly Unit.