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INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD



Meeting date:	25 January 2024
Item:	8.4
Title:	NHSScotland Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy
Responsible Officer:	Nick Fayers, Chief Officer
Report Author:	Nick Fayers, Chief Officer

1 Purpose

This is presented to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) for:

- Awareness

This report relates to a:

- Annual Operation Plan
- Emerging issue
- Government policy/directive
- NHS Board/Integration Joint Board Strategy or Direction

Competence:

- There are no legal, financial or other constraints associated with the report.

2 Report summary

2.1 Situation

Making the Board Members aware of the IJB senior lead on the delivery of Scottish Government cohesive plan to support and improve the access to mental health and substance use services.

2.2 Background

The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, Maree Todd wrote to Health Board and Local Authority Chief Executives, as well as Chairs of NHS Boards and IJB, on 26 October 2023 noting the importance in ensuring that people with co-occurring mental health and substance use conditions can access high quality of care.

A request was made to nominate a senior lead who will be responsible for the delivery of the plan within the responsibilities of the IJB.

2.3 Assessment

Scottish Government are setting out a plan to improve Mental Health and substance use services, working across disciplines to ensure that other initiatives and policy areas are aligned to support the work of cohesive working.

The Plan will focus on 3 broad objectives:

1. Ensure mental health and substance use services know how they should work together
2. Empower the workforce to deliver high-quality of care
3. Embed clear lines of accountability to provide evidence that services are delivering better care for people.

Scottish Government have commissioned Healthcare Improvement Scotland to produce an exemplar interface protocol which sets out how these services will link and work collectively. The protocols will build on existing protocols which are already in operation, but will also help deliver on the relevant MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) standards and the commendations from both the Government's rapid review into mental health and substance use services.

The Chief Officer assessed the Ministers request and has formally noted the nomination of Mr. Mike Hutchison, Associate Director for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities, NHS Western Isles.

2.3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

The report does not directly impact on quality of care (and services).

2.3.2 Workforce

The report advises of a member of staff nomination, however it does not directly impact on staff including resources, staff health and wellbeing.

2.3.3 Financial

There is no impact financially on the content of the report and therefore does not require Sign off on any financial impact is required by the Chief Finance Officer.

Accountants Name	Signature
Comment from the Chief Finance Officer:	

2.3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

There is no indication of risk assessment/mitigations contained within the report.

2.3.5 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities

State how this supports the Public Sector Equality Duty, Fairer Scotland Duty, and the Board's Equalities Outcomes.

An impact assessment has not been completed because there is no impact on strategic direction or delivery in relation to equality and diversity.

2.3.6 Climate Emergency and Sustainability Development

State how this report will support or impact on the Scottish Government's policy on Global Climate Emergency and Sustainability Development DL(2021)38.

No impact on Climate Change

2.3.7 Other impacts

Describe other relevant impacts.

2.3.8 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

The Board is not required to involve or engage external stakeholders in relation to the content of this report.

2.3.9 Route to the Meeting

This information has not been previously considered by any groups.

2.4 Recommendation

- **Awareness** – For Members' information only.

3 List of appendices

There are no appendices included with this report.