

CÙRAM IS SLAINTE NAN EILEAN SIAR

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD



Meeting date:	18 April 2024 – special meeting
Item:	3.1
Title:	Review of Integration Scheme
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1 Purpose

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

- Decision

This report relates to a:

- Government policy/directive
- Legal requirement

Competence:

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

2 Report summary

2.1 Situation

The Western Isles Integration Scheme was submitted to Scottish Government and approved by Scottish Parliament on 21st September 2015. There is a requirement to review the scheme in line with the conditions set out in Section 44 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

A full review of the integration scheme has been undertaken with detailed consideration from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and NHS Western Isles. Previously changes were made to the standing orders with regards to dispute resolution, however this does not materially impact the scheme.

The Act requires that the local authority and Health Board carry out the review. However, given that the IJB operates the scheme, it is the IJB that is best placed to recommend if any changes are required.

2.2 Background

Given the requirement to review the scheme and in recognition of the context outlined regarding the impact of global pandemic the Board was content with the delay in the review.

Now that a full review is required to be conducted, the requirements of the Act to evidence consideration of the integration planning principles and the national health and wellbeing outcomes (section 3) and to consult (section 6) must still be observed.

The review will consider and advise on any changes required to the overall Aims, Vision, Scope, Local Governance arrangements and functions delegated in the Integration Schemes, and advise on our consultation strategy.

Overall the purpose of the review is to identify whether any changes to the scheme are necessary or desirable.

The IJB undertook an initial review by identifying areas of the scheme on which it proposes to concentrate when carrying out the full review. It is suggested that one area for the full review should be the dispute resolution mechanism (clause 16). The initial review concluded that the arrangements outlined in the standing orders are sufficient and therefore this would not be included in the full review.

2.3 Assessment

A full review of the scheme has now been undertaken. Except for the clinical and care governance arrangements noted below for update within the scheme no significant update of the scheme is recommended.

Clinical and care governance is the process by which accountability for the quality of health and social care is monitored and assured. It creates a culture where delivery of the highest quality of care and support is understood to be the responsibility of everyone - built upon partnership and collaboration within teams and between health and social care professionals and managers.

The Parties have well established governance systems to provide governance oversight in terms of healthcare governance and risk as well as assurance for professional accountabilities. These cover service responsibilities, staff governance and service user considerations and their scope will support the IJB in fulfilling its clinical and care governance responsibilities.

To deliver on the outcomes and principles, all staff will need to work in an integrated way to ensure that the different skills, experience, knowledge and perspectives they bring are best used and aligned to support the outcomes that individuals seek from the care and support they receive.

This will be delivered through a clinical and care governance framework within which professionals and the wider workforce will operate and a clear understanding of the contributions and responsibilities of each person.

Established mechanisms are already in place for each professional group of staff and these will continue. The proposed amendment to the Scheme is an attempt to streamline the governance and oversight process, and provides that the primary means of such oversight is by way of professionals' annual reports. However, it also proposed an escalation process for incidents arising which require immediate action.

2.3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

The report has no direct impact on quality of care (and services).

2.3.2 Workforce

No direct impact on the workforce including resources, staff health and wellbeing.

2.3.3 Financial

No financial impact

Accountants Name	Signature
Comment from the Chief Finance Officer:	
No requirement for sign-off	

2.3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

Strategic Risk Register defines risks to the IJB.

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 it is not required.

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 direct impact on sustainability

2.3.7 Other impacts

Not applicable

2.3.8 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

The partner bodies' will carry out its duties to involve and engage external stakeholders where appropriate:

Proportionate consultation over a 6 week period.

2.3.9 Route to the Meeting

This has been previously considered by the following groups as part of its development. The groups have either supported the content, or their feedback has informed the development of the content presented in this report.

- Integrated Corporate Management Team (ICMT) meeting, 04.04.24

2.4 Recommendation

Decision – For Members' consideration regarding approval of the scheme whilst noting the clinical and care governance arrangements currently in place.

3 List of appendices

The following appendices are included with this report:

- Item 3.1.1 - Copy of the Scheme of Integration
- Item 3.1.2 - IJB Escalation of Incidents Framework
- Item 3.1.3 – Health and Social Care Partnership Delegated Services