

Annex G Consultation Questionnaire

The case for change

Question 1: Is the proposal to focus initially, after legislation is enacted, on improving outcomes for older people, and then to extend our focus to improving integration of all areas of adult health and social care, practical and helpful?

Yes No

Older adults are the biggest users of health and social care, getting it right for this group would indicate how effectively integration can work

Outline of proposed reforms

Question 2: Is our proposed framework for integration comprehensive? Is there anything missing that you would want to see added to it, or anything you would suggest should be removed?

Yes No

Shifting the balance should have happened years ago but there was a reluctance to move budgets even from acute hospitals to community services. This will need to be addressed

National outcomes for adult health and social care

Question 3: This proposal will establish in law a requirement for statutory partners – Health Boards and Local Authorities – to deliver, and to be held jointly and equally accountable for, nationally agreed outcomes for adult health and social care. This is a significant departure from the current, separate performance management mechanisms that apply to Health Boards and Local Authorities. Does this approach provide a sufficiently strong mechanism to achieve the extent of change that is required?

Yes No

Can envisage problems when there is more than 1 Local authority per Health Board if these are not agreed nationally. Health staff get confused and potential delays can occur when there are different Las feeding into 1 health board

Question 4: Do you agree that nationally agreed outcomes for adult health and social care should be included within all local Single Outcome Agreements?

Yes No

All health single outcome agreements should be national with local agreements being about other aspects of community planning

Governance and joint accountability

Question 5: Will joint accountability to Ministers and Local Authority Leaders provide the right balance of local democratic accountability and accountability to central government, for health and social care services?

Yes No

Not sure about this, would need more information

Question 6: Should there be scope to establish a Health and Social Care Partnership that covers more than one Local Authority?

Yes No

Health are being asked to duplicate potential posts and accountabilities between existing LAs e.g. in Forth valley we would require a minimum of 9 non-executive sessions to accommodate all 3 LA

Question 7: Are the proposed Committee arrangements appropriate to ensure governance of the Health and Social Care Partnership?

Yes No

Again not sure, I don't like the fact that there is only a requirement to have 1 professional voice from health and that the one suggested is a medic. Should the chair of community planning not have a seat on the committee

Question 8: Are the performance management arrangements described above sufficiently robust to provide public confidence that effective action will be taken if local services are failing to deliver appropriately?

Yes No

Comments

Question 9: Should Health Boards and Local Authorities be free to choose whether to include the budgets for other CHP functions – apart from adult health and social care – within the scope of the Health and Social Care Partnership?

Yes No

I feel this would muddy the waters too much

Integrated budgets and resourcing

Question 10: Do you think the models described above can successfully deliver our objective to use money to best effect for the patient or service user, whether they need “health” or “social care” support?

Yes No

If there isn't enough money in the first place then there will still be delays

Question 11: Do you have experience of the ease or difficulty of making flexible use of resources across the health and social care system that you would like to share?

Yes No

During the supposed implementation off single shared assessment and joint futures, local authority colleagues would not play ball allowing health staff to access budgets to provide equipment

Question 12: If Ministers provide direction on the minimum categories of spend that must be included in the integrated budget, will that provide sufficient impetus and sufficient local discretion to achieve the objectives we have set out?

Yes No

All organisations will do is pool the minimum amount. Putting the prescribing budget in here is a mistake as it is always overspent meaning there will be less for community services

Jointly Accountable Officer

Question 13: Do you think that the proposals described here for the financial authority of the Jointly Accountable Officer will be sufficient to enable the shift in investment that is required to achieve the shift in the balance of care?

Yes No

Comments

Question 14: Have we described an appropriate level of seniority for the Jointly Accountable Officer?

Yes No

Comments

Professionally led locality planning and commissioning of services

Question 15: Should the Scottish Government direct how locality planning is taken forward or leave this to local determination?

Yes No

Unsure

Question 16: It is proposed that a duty should be placed upon Health and Social Care Partnerships to consult local professionals, including GPs, on how best to put in place local arrangements for planning service provision, and then implement, review and maintain such arrangements. Is this duty strong enough?

Yes No

Comments

Question 17: What practical steps/changes would help to enable clinicians and social care professionals to get involved with and drive planning at local level?

They need to feel part of the process and feel they have some control, I can't see the current proposals giving the staff that reassurance

Question 18: Should locality planning be organised around clusters of GP practices? If not, how do you think this could be better organised?

Yes No

Don't know enough about locality planning

Question 19: How much responsibility and decision making should be devolved from Health and Social Care Partnerships to locality planning groups?

Don't know enough about locality planning

Question 20: Should localities be organised around a given size of local population – e.g., of between 15,000 – 25,000 people, or some other range? If so, what size would you suggest?

Yes No

Don't know enough about locality planning

Do you have any further comments regarding the consultation proposals?

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Do you have any comments regarding the partial EQIA? (see Annex D)

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Do you have any comments regarding the partial BRIA? (see Annex E)

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