

Carer Response Form

My Views on the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 Draft Regulations

The Public Bodies Act puts in place the mechanisms for health and social care services for adults to work in a more integrated way. At the moment the government is consulting on the regulations that go along with the Act. These provide the regulatory framework by which local partnerships must develop their new ways of working together.

This response form has been developed to assist you to make your views known on the regulations, in particular the areas which are likely to affect you as a carer. The closing date for responses is the **1st of August**. Instructions on where to send this form are included at the end.

More details on what the draft regulations include can be found in our accompanying Briefing Paper. It may be helpful to read this before completing the questions below

Regulations – Set One

The functions that must be included in the new Integrated Schemes

The regulations set out what functions must be delegated by Local Authorities and Health Boards to the new integrated structures, as follows:

Delegated by Local Authorities	Delegated by Health Boards
Social work services for adults and older people	Unplanned inpatients
Services and supports for adults with physical disabilities and learning disabilities	Outpatients – Accident and Emergency
Mental health services	Care of Older People
Drug and alcohol services	District nursing
Adult protection and domestic abuse	Home Visiting
Carers support services	Clinical Psychology
Community care assessment teams	Community Mental Health Teams
Support services	Community Learning Difficulties Team
Care home services	Addiction Services
Adult placement services	Women’s Health Services
Health improvement services	Allied Health Profession Services
Housing support services, aids and adaptations	Continence Services
Day services	Home Dialysis
Local area co-ordination	Health Promotion
Respite provision	General Medical Services (GMS)
Occupational therapy services	Pharmaceutical services – GP prescribing
Re-ablement services, equipment and telecare	

I agree with these functions being included in the new integrated structures.

please indicate your views by checking the relevant box

YES NO

Further Comments

It is hoped that the integration of carers support services will assist in the long term planning of carer organisations but enabling joint service level agreements between local authorities and health boards. This will assist with the recruitment and retention of staff as opposed to year on year contracts.

I think the following functions should also be included

(please tick all that apply by checking the relevant boxes)

Home oxygen services

Wheelchair services

National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes

I welcome that one of the nine draft outcomes relates to carers. I support the following wording. (please indicate the version you prefer by checking the box)

People who provide unpaid care are supported to reduce the potential impact of their caring role on their own health and well-being

People who provide unpaid care have their rights respected and are supported to reduce the potential negative impact that their caring role has on their health and well-being and to enable them to retain a life outside caring

Further Comments

This is key as it recognises the commitment from both Health and Social Work that carers are equal partners in care and therefore need to remain well and resources to continue in their caring

The people or groups that come under the new Integrated Schemes

The regulations set out what health professionals and social care professionals will come under the new integrated structures:

Health Professionals	Social Care Professionals
Chiropractors	Social workers
Dentists, dental nurses, dental technicians, clinical dental technicians, dental hygienists, dental therapists	Social work students

Doctors	Care Inspectorate Authorised Officers
Optometrists, dispensing opticians, student opticians and optical businesses	Managers, workers with supervisory responsibilities and residential child care workers in residential childcare services
Osteopaths	Managers in adult day care services
Arts therapists, biomedical scientists, chiropodists/podiatrists, clinical scientists, dieticians, hearing aid dispensers, occupational therapists, operating departmental practitioners, orthoptists, paramedics, physiotherapists, practitioner psychologists, prosthetists / orthotists, radiographers and speech and language therapists	Managers, workers with supervisory responsibilities, practitioners and support workers responsible for care home services for adults
Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians	Managers, practitioners and support workers responsible for day care of children services
Nurses and midwives	Managers, supervisors and workers responsible for housing support services
	Managers, supervisors and workers responsible for care at home services
	Other Social Care Professionals who are not regulated by the Scottish Social Services Council but who provide care or support to users of social care services

I agree with these people or groups being included in the new integrated structures

YES NO

Further Comments

I think the following should also be included

please tick all that apply by checking the relevant boxes

Audiologists

Ambulance Care Attendants

Further Comments

Regulations – Set Two

Groups that must be consulted

Before partnerships submit their plans for integration they must first consult with groups of people, set out in the regulations. This includes carers

I welcome that carers must be consulted when local areas are developing their plans for integration

YES NO

Further Comments

NLCT have are part of the current working groups around Integration and have been part of focused group around locality modelling.

Membership of the Integration Joint Board

The regulations set out the groups of people who must be included as members of the Integration Joint Board and as members of Strategic Planning Groups. This includes carers

I welcome that carers must be included as members of Strategic Planning Groups and the Integration Joint Board

YES NO

Further Comments

Included and supported

In order to ensure that carers play a meaningful and representative role on Joint Boards. I also recommend the following changes / additions to the regulations

please tick all that apply by checking the relevant boxes

the inclusion of replacement care costs as a reasonable expense alongside travel and subsistence

that the phrase “any costs incurred in connection with the membership of the joint integration board” should be extended to include any additional meetings outwith board meetings to enable carers to consult with the wider carer community in order to represent their views e.g. to attend a local carers forum

that 3 days notice for providing papers be extended to a minimum of 7 days. Since three days is insufficient to digest information and ask questions if required

that non-voting members, including carers should also have the opportunity to have someone to deputise for them in their absence

that regulations should include a responsibility on partnerships to provide carers and service users with induction as a minimum and training and support if required

Further Comments

Monitoring Progress

Integration authorities must provide an annual performance report and the regulations outline what information must be included in this.

As well as those areas outlined in the regulations. I think that the annual report should also include information on locality planning, including structures for engagement and carer involvement.

YES NO

Further Comments

Your Details

Please note **it is really important that you complete this section** or your response may not be counted.

I am responding as an individual.

I agree to my response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

YES

NO

If you answered Yes – please select how you wish your response to be made available to the public

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Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

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