

Ministerial Strategic Group for Health and Community Care (MSG)

Note of Meeting of 23 January 2019

Present	
Jeane Freeman	Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport
Clare Haughey	Minister for Mental Health
Joe FitzPatrick MSP	Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing
Cllr Alison Evison	COSLA President (Aberdeenshire Council)
Cllr Stuart Currie	Interim COSLA Health and Wellbeing Spokesperson
Cllr Rachael King	COSLA Health and Social Care Board (Orkney Islands Council)
John Wood	COSLA (lead officer for health and social care)
Ian Kinniburgh	Representing NHS Board Chairs Group (NHS Orkney)
Peter Murray	Chair, IJB Chair and Vice Chair Network (East Lothian IJB)
David Williams	Chair, Chief Officers Network (Glasgow City IJB)
Professor James McGoldrick	Convener, Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC)
Carole Wilkinson	Chair, Healthcare Improvement Scotland
Peter Macleod	Chief Executive, Care Inspectorate
Donald MacAskill	Chief Executive, Scottish Care
Theresa Shearer	SCVO
Annie Gunner Logan	Director, Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland (CCPS)
Dr Carey Lunan	Chair, RCGP Scotland
Dr David Chung	Vice President, RCEM Scotland
Theresa Fyfe	Director, RCN Scotland
In attendance	
Paul Gray	Scottish Government
Jason Leitch	Scottish Government
Alison Taylor	Scottish Government
Christina Naismith	Scottish Government
Paul Leak	Scottish Government
Kelly Martin	Scottish Government (Secretariat)
1. Welcome and Introductions	
<p>The Cabinet Secretary opened the meeting, welcomed attendees and asked everyone introduce themselves.</p>	
2. Apologies and minutes of previous meeting on 20 June 2018	
<p>Apologies were received from: Michelle Carruthers – Board Member SCVO (Chief Executive Foodtrain); Andrew Scott (Director of Population Health) (SG); Cathie Cowan – Representing NHS Chief Executives Group (NHS Forth Valley); Andrew Kerr – SOLACE (Edinburgh City Council); Jackie Irvine – President, Social Work Scotland; Iain Buchan – Director, Scottish Care</p>	
<u>Minutes of 26 September 2018</u>	
<p>Members who attended the previous meeting confirmed that they were content with the minute.</p>	

Review of Progress with Integration of Health and Social Care – Draft Proposals (MSGHCC/115/2019)

Cllr Currie acknowledged the work that has taken place, which is of high quality. He indicated that the review has been an extremely useful collaborative piece of work. Cllr Currie also noted that Audit Scotland identifies where integration can improve but also where integration is working well. The review proposals set a challenging agenda for all stakeholders with challenging timescales.

Discussion focussed on the following sections of the report:

- **Section 1 Collaborative leadership and building relationships**
 - Needs to feed into other work on leadership that is already underway, for example shadowing opportunities and national conversation work.

- **Section 3 Effective strategic planning and improvement**
 - **Section 3.1** – Important to assure an outcome focus within improvement work, taken forward in partnership across agencies.
 - **Section 3.4** – Needs to give more prominence to the pivotal role of Chief Officers. It was noted that there is a huge onus and personal pressure on Chief Officers and all parties/stakeholders should be involved in supporting this role.

- **Section 4 Governance and accountability arrangements**
 - It needs to be made clear that decisions are made by Integration Joint Boards and duplication of decision making needs to be avoided. It also needs to be made clear where responsibilities for delivery lie with either the NHS or LG. It was noted that the proposals in this section should not be seen in isolation to the other proposals. It was also noted that governance and accountability is not just about statutory partners, and that the third and independent sectors are involved too.

- **Section 6 Meaningful and sustained engagement**
 - Engagement with the public and their understanding of who does what and what to expect around consultation should be an ongoing process. This should be in a format that people can engage with.
 - The purpose of integration needs to be restated, to people working in the system and to people using services.
 - The importance of the wider workforce should be acknowledged, not only people working in the NHS and Local Government. It was noted that workforce was not an area mentioned in the Audit Scotland report. Paul Gray indicated that the workforce health and social care plan work is underway.

The Cabinet Secretary provided a summary of actions following the discussion:

- **Action 1 – Scottish Government** - Some changes are required to take account of comments made. An updated version will be circulated to members quickly for comment with a tight turnaround. The proposals will then be signed off by the group.
- **Action 2 – Scottish Government** - The final version should be sent to the Health and Sport Committee and SPICe.

- It was agreed that the integration leadership group would continue to meet and would have an oversight role in relation to the delivery of the proposals. The MSG should consider progress in 6 months' time.

3. Data and performance update – national and local input (presentation)

Alison Taylor and Paul Leak spoke to data slides that were handed out to members. It was agreed that it will be important to ensure the right range of data is available to the MSG in future to support its role in understanding progress with integration in light of the review. It was agreed that a paper would be brought to the next meeting for discussion, to cover the range of data available for the group's scrutiny and to enable members to discuss priorities for future reporting.

4. AOB

The role and responsibilities paper which was circulated for noting was noted by members.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Ministerial Strategic Group for Health and Community Care will take place on Wednesday 29 May, 10:00am – 12:00pm, TG. 20/21, Parliament.