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SUBJECT: Amendment to the North Lanarkshire Integration Scheme

1. PURPOSE

This paper is coming to the Board:

For approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/>	To note	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2. ROUTE TO THE BOARD

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Following Scottish Government direction, this paper seeks approval by Lanarkshire NHS Board to amend the North Lanarkshire Integration Scheme. This report has been discussed by the Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire Senior Leadership Team and given that both the NHS Board and South Lanarkshire Council require to endorse any changes to the Integration Scheme, a similar report will be presented to North Lanarkshire Council's Policy and Resources Committee.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

3.1 Integration Scheme

- 3.1.1 As part of the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, North Lanarkshire Council (NLC) and NHS Lanarkshire (NHSL) worked jointly to draft the North Lanarkshire Integration Scheme to establish a Body Corporate model of integration.
- 3.1.2 Once agreed by both organisations, the draft Integration Scheme was submitted to the Scottish Government for onward approval by the Scottish Parliament. The Scheme was duly approved in June 2015, thus establishing the North Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) to become a formal entity of the public sector, similar to that of other public bodies. It was further updated in March 2016 to include Children and Families Social Work services and Criminal Justice Social Work services.
- 3.1.3 The Integration Scheme sets out the agreement under which the integration arrangements operate and details the functions delegated by the Parties (Council and NHS Board) for strategic oversight by the IJB. It also details the legislative framework through which the IJB must work within when agreeing the Strategic Commissioning Plan and any subsequent directions issued by the IJB to the Parties.

3.1.4 The North Lanarkshire Integration Scheme has remained unchanged since March 2016 and is scheduled for formal review in 2021, in line with the requirement to review the Integration Scheme every 5 years.

3.2 Proposed Changes to the Integration Scheme

3.2.1 In November 2017 the Scottish Government lettered all 31 Health and Social Care Partnerships across Scotland to inform them that an amendment has been made to the Regulations which support the implementation of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) Act 2014. A copy of this letter is outlined in appendix 1.

3.2.2 This amendment relates specifically to the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016, which is due to come into effect from 01 April 2018. The implementation of the Carers Act has implications for Integration Authorities, NHS Boards and councils. The amendment requires the new duties cited within this Act to be delegated specifically to Integration authorities.

3.2.3 In summary, the main elements of responsibility/duties that this will cover for Integration Authorities in relation to the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 will be:

- a new adult carer support plan with a personal outcomes focus
- a new young carer support plan with a personal outcomes focus
- a duty to support carers including by means of a local eligibility criteria
- a duty to prepare a local carers strategy
- a duty to provide an information and advice service and publish short breaks services statement
- a duty to involve carers in the discharge from hospital of the people they care for

3.2.4 In a North Lanarkshire context many aspects of the above duties have been delivered through local partnership arrangements. However, the duties of the Act now formalises many of these arrangements which have grown as a result of the existing and previous carers strategies for North Lanarkshire.

3.2.6 The amendment to the Integration Scheme is relatively minor and relates only to the requirement to include the Carers Act responsibilities. However, in conjunction with Legal services, further work is underway to include the specific duties of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 and the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016, with changes planned to be finalised in the first half of 2018/19.

3.2.7 A full copy of this amendment to the Integration Scheme is detailed in appendix 2.

3.3 Next Steps

3.3.1 Progress with the implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 will be formally reported through a number of forums including the IJB, Performance, Finance and Audit Committee and Social Work Committee.

3.3.2 Moreover, the requirement to implement the duties of the Act will also form one of the 2018/19 directions from the IJB to the Council and also been a commissioning intention within the refreshed Health and Social Care Strategic Commissioning Plan.

3.3.3 A report similar to this will also be presented through North Lanarkshire Council's Policy and Resources Committee, given that both Parties require to approve the Integration Scheme and any amendments to this.

3.3.4 On completion of both these routes of approval, the revised Integration Scheme will be formally submitted to the Scottish Government.

4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This paper links to the following:

Corporate objectives	<input type="checkbox"/>	LDP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government directive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Statutory requirement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AHF/local policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urgent operational issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		

5. CONTRIBUTION TO QUALITY

This paper aligns to the following elements of safety and quality improvement:

Three Quality Ambitions:

Safe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Person Centred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Six Quality Outcomes:

Everyone has the best start in life and is able to live longer healthier lives; (Effective)	<input type="checkbox"/>
People are able to live well at home or in the community; (Person Centred)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Everyone has a positive experience of healthcare; (Person Centred)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff feel supported and engaged; (Effective)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare is safe for every person, every time; (Safe)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Best use is made of available resources. (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6. MEASURES FOR IMPROVEMENT

As noted above, the implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 will be reported through the IJB, Council and NHS Board for the purposes of monitoring progress and reporting against any future funding allocated to support implementation.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial consequences arising from this report. However, additional funding has been made available by the Scottish Government, in addition to that which has already been allocated.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There no risk management implications associated with this report.

9. FIT WITH BEST VALUE CRITERIA

This paper aligns to the following best value criteria:

Vision and leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective partnerships	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Governance and accountability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use of resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Performance management	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equality	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>				

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Has an E&D Impact Assessment has been completed?

No

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as the changes outlined to the Integration Scheme have been directly mandated by the Scottish Government.

11. CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Changes to the Integration Scheme require that key stakeholder/prescribed consultees are either informed or consulted on this. Notification was given to partners in December, 2017, together with a copy of the Scottish Government letter cited in appendix 1.

12. ACTIONS FOR THE BOARD

The Board is asked to:

1. approve the amended North Lanarkshire Integration Scheme.

Approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify further actions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Note	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accept the risk identified	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ask for a further report	

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about any aspect of this paper, please contact Janice Hewitt – Chief Accountable Officer – North Lanarkshire Health & Social Care Partnership