

SUBJECT: South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme - Review

1. PURPOSE

This paper is coming to the Board:

For approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	For endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/>	To note	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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To provide an update on proposals to review the South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme.

2. ROUTE TO THE BOARD

The report attached has been:

Prepared	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reviewed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Endorsed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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by Soumen Sengupta, and is on the agenda for the South Lanarkshire IJB meeting on 26 October 2021.

In August 2021, the Scottish Government issued a letter to IJB Chief Officers, NHS and Local Authority Chief Executives outlining the requirement to review and revise Integration Schemes.

As part of the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (thereafter referred to as The Act), Councils and NHS Boards are required to review their Integration Scheme at least once every five years.

The purpose of the Integration Scheme is to essentially set out the rules of engagement/workings of health and social arrangements and importantly the functions which the Council and NHS Board choose to delegate to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) from a strategic oversight perspective. The Act stipulates that delegated functions will, as a minimum cover adult health and social care but can, with agreement of the Parties, include other areas of service

NHS Board members will recall that a light touch review of the Integration Scheme was respectively approved by the Council's Executive Committee and Lanarkshire NHS Board September and October 2020. The review did not recommend any material changes to the Integration Scheme but did update on areas such as terminology and timescales. As such all delegated functions agreed at the outset in 2015 remained the same. A copy of the current Integration Scheme is attached within Appendix 1

4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This paper links to the following:

Corporate Objectives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AOP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Policy	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff feel supported and engaged; (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare is safe for every person, every time; (Safe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Best use is made of available resources. (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6. MEASURES FOR IMPROVEMENT

In response to the Scottish Government letter referred to above, Senior officers of both NHSL and SLC considered a number of approaches and came to a view that a targeted and technical review of the current Scheme be undertaken and submitted by the year-end. This essentially would involve a sense check to see if anything from a terminology perspective has changed since the 2020 review and undertake the necessary consultation alongside this. This consultation would be embedded as part of the current work to develop the new Strategic Commissioning Plan (SCP), given that all stakeholders are involved in this process, which conforms to the National Standards for Community Engagement and Planning with People Guidance.

NHS Board members should be aware that the IJB Chair and Health and Social Care Director have asked Lesley MacDonald – as an IJB member – to undertake an oversight role such that she can provide assurance of the process involved. This borrows on her prior experience in local government where she was required to produce integration schemes elsewhere and the subsequent requisite knowledge of the Public Bodies Act to so do.

On completion of this review a paper will be brought to a future NHS Board meeting for approval. A similar and parallel process will be undertaken in terms of securing approval through South Lanarkshire Council's Executive Committee. Thereafter, a report will be taken to the IJB for noting.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no new direct financial implications associated with this report. Should there be any financial implications following the review, these will be recommended to both the NHS Board and Council for decision/approval.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional risks associated with this paper. In addition to the risk registers for both the NHS Board and Council, the IJB has its own risk register which (similar to financial issues) is a standing item on the Performance, Finance and Audit Sub Committee.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Performance management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Yes.

No

An EQIA was undertaken at the point in time where the Integration Joint Board was established.

11. CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

A small Short Life Working Group will be setup to review the current Integration Scheme and wider consultation on the review will be undertaken with members of the Strategic Commissioning Group, given that this is made up of the key stakeholders who require to be consulted on any potential changes to the Integration Scheme.

12. ACTIONS FOR THE BOARD

The Committee is asked to:

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

- a) note that a review of the South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme will be undertaken and brought back to the NHS Board for approval. Thereafter, a copy will be sent to the Scottish Government.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about any aspect of this paper, please contact

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