

REPORT TO ABERDEENSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 25 OCTOBER 2017

CHIEF OFFICER'S UPDATE

This briefing aims to bring a number of issues to the attention of members of the Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board. This is a new addition to the agenda of the Integration Joint Board and the Chief Officer will welcome feedback as to its value and the use of such a briefing in the future.

1. **An Caorann Medical Practice (Portsoy & Aberchirder)**

IJB members have received a number of briefings on the challenges currently facing the An Caorann Practice, which covers Portsoy & Aberchirder, and there has been press coverage. The Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership manages the practice.

Our aim is to make the practice sustainable in the long term ensuring that we can deliver high quality services to the local population. The contract for the practice, to become an independent practice, has been tendered and we have received some interest. The process for progressing this will take place over the next few months. Meanwhile the practice is dependent upon locum doctor cover.

We will continue to keep the local population, elected members and IJB members informed.

2. **Inspections**

- a. Health Improvement Scotland (HIS) – announced inspection of community hospitals

IJB members will remember that HIS undertook an inspection of Peterhead, Fraserburgh and Ugie Community Hospitals in March 2017. The report on all three hospitals was extremely positive and well covered in the press.

We received notification that there will be an announced inspection of Glen O Dee and Kincardine Community Hospitals at the end of October 2017. There is some small preparation for such visits, just to check everything is in place, however we believe that all of our facilities and sites are at the highest standard all of the time.



We have now received notification from HIS that this inspection has been cancelled.

- b. There was an inspection at Faithlie Care home, Fraserburgh in September and we have now received verbal feedback from the Care Inspectorate. The *Quality of Care* and the *Environment* both received very positive feedback. The Care Inspectorate have made some suggested improvements for the *Leadership and Management* and the local team are already working on these issues.
- c. There was a very positive inspection at Edenholve Care Home (Stonehaven) with all areas now receiving grade 5 recognition. The Chief Officer has extended his thanks to Jason Strathdee, the Manager, for all of the work to achieve this.
- d. IJB members will be kept informed of progress with these and other inspections.

3. **Auchmacoy GP Unit, Ellon**

This is an eight bedded unit used by the Ellon GPs and is hosted in the Auchtercrag Care Home. The local team are currently working with the GPs and the staff of Auchtercrag to explore how the unit can be best used for the local population. The IJB will be kept informed of the progress of this work.

4. **Ugie Hospital, Peterhead**

The condition of the fabric at large parts of Ugie hospital is below standard. The local team are leading some work to look at the best way to redesign services to maximise local expertise and ensure that the high quality services are provided for the population in the most appropriate environment.

5. **Stonehaven Renal Unit**

After five years of fundraising and £1million pounds raised to fulfil the dream of having a local renal dialysis unit in Stonehaven, work began last month.

The new £1.5million unit, which will be able to treat 24 patients a week when working on a full-time basis, is set to be finished next Spring.

6. **Unscheduled Care Event – 29th August 2017**

As the Chair of the Grampian-wide unscheduled care Programme Board, I was part of the team hosting the annual conference and opened the event. This was an extremely successful day with nearly 200 people, drawn from all



professions and disciplines, fully engaged in working across the wider system. The commitment shown by all of those attending will be instrumental in delivering the continued improvements that we see in unscheduled care; this is so important as each and every unscheduled care episode is a very important event for an individual and their loved ones.

I will circulate the conference report to members of the IJB.

7. Sharing best practice in community hospitals (end of August)

We hosted a small group of visitors for two days, including the national clinical lead for community hospitals, a civil servant from the Health and Social Care Directorate and a delegation from Perth and Kinross. The aim of their visit was to explore what mutual learning we could get about the use of community hospitals. We showcased our approach in four hospitals and all of the visitors were very impressed with what we achieve (backed up with our very good performance in unscheduled care– members will remember that our overall unscheduled care bed day usage is the best in Scotland). There will not be a formal report but we will keep members informed of ongoing developments which result from the new connections and relationships.

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