

REPORT TO ABERDEENSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 20 DECEMBER 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.

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

IJB members have received a number of briefings on the challenges currently facing the An Caorann Practice and it was included in the last Chief Officer Briefing, highlighting the tendering process which was underway.

The interviews have taken place and the selection process is continuing with confidential discussions with a preferred bidder. Meanwhile the practice remains dependent upon locum doctor cover. We will continue to keep the local population, elected members and IJB members informed

2. **New Scottish GP Contract**

The new Scottish GP contract is out for consultation and GPs vote on accepting it (or not) in January 2018. The contract aims to put the GP at the heart of the community team and would support many of the ideals that we have set out within Aberdeenshire. We will issue a briefing to IJB members once the outcome of the vote is known.

3. **Working with the trade unions and staff side representatives**

The senior management team has recently reviewed its application of the staff governance standards, which we deliberately set out for all staff working in the Health and Social Care Partnership in the Integration Scheme. The standards state that staff are well informed, involved in decisions which affect them, appropriately trained and developed, treated fairly and consistently, and provided with a safe working environment.

As well as the normal meetings with staff side representatives the Chief Officer met with our key staff side representatives, in November, to jointly work through the in-year savings plan. These were positive discussions with agreed engagement and involvement of staff side colleagues for forthcoming work in the delivery of savings and wider redesign work.

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