

REPORT TO ABERDEENSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 17 JANUARY 2018

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 has been included in the last two Chief Officer Briefings.

Further to the position in December 2017 the tender process has now completed with no viable options for the practice to be taken on as an independent practice. The North Management Team has a session planned for January to explore the options and next steps to achieve stability. Meanwhile the practice remains dependent upon locum doctor cover. We will continue to keep the local population, elected members and IJB members informed.

2. Winter Planning Update

The IJB signed off the winter plan in October 2017; the plan set out a comprehensive approach to how we support people to remain at home and to avoid, wherever appropriate and possible, admissions to hospital. Key to the plan was the approach where we work as part of the wider system. There are two brief updates:

- a. Delivery of plan. All reports on the delivery of the plan, so far, are positive. The weekly management monitoring on a cross system basis of the winter position (undertaken between the three H&SCP Chief Officers and Director of Acute Services) shows the Aberdeenshire performance to be maintained and solid in its contribution to the whole system.
- b. Delayed Discharge. The number of people that we have delayed within our system has risen during the November period and at our last census reporting date sat at 52 people (10 higher than in September and October). Despite this general rise in the number of people delayed the number of people delayed within ARI has remained extremely small. We are working hard to reduce the number of people delayed.

There will be a full report to the IJB in March 2018 setting out both the initial winter debrief and the delayed discharge position.

3. Review Minor Injury Units

Following agreement at the December IJB the review of MIU is now underway. The steering group has been established, has met and set out a clear work programme as discussed at the IJB.

Regular updates will be provided to the IJB and the other key stakeholders identified in the December paper, presented to the IJB.

4. Charging Policy

The IJB, at its November 2017 meeting, made recommendations to the Aberdeenshire Council Communities Committee about the charging for services. The Communities Committee met at the end of December and agreed to all the recommendations in the paper.

A comprehensive communications plan, including lots of face-to-face interaction, has been set out and is being taken forward ensuring that people whose charges will change are fully aware of what is happening and how it will affect them.

5. Care Provider in North Aberdeenshire

A provider of care services (KC Care), who were not on our contract provision, but who did provide services to a number of clients under the SDS "option 1" mechanism have decided to stop trading. This took effect from early January 2018. Our local care management teams worked extremely hard to support all those affected to find alternative provision.

Adam Coldwells
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