

## REPORT TO ABERDEENSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 23 MAY 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.

#### **Review of Minor Injury Units**

The feedback from the engagement events and online questionnaires has been collated alongside the staff feedback. This has given a depth of viewpoints regarding the MIU provision itself and also about our wider health and social care services. All information gathered will inform the review; the complex analysis will be completed in order to bring recommendations to IJB in June.

The very considerable levels of feedback will be shared with our location-based teams to help them with both the Primary Care Improvement Plans and their locality plans.

A separate piece of work is being undertaken in Peterhead and Fraserburgh to understand the demand placed on urgent care services. Although originally focused around the GMEDs service, this has the potential to inform some of the demand in MIU units. It is hoped this work may give insight into how we can offer services in such a way that allows for more interventions to be delivered in planned services rather than urgent care settings, particularly out of hours.

#### **Primary Care Improvement Plan**

A draft plan has been developed and is currently being considered by Practice Quality Leads, Hospital Medical Directors, and wider Primary Care Contractors. Feedback will be collated by the Clinical Service Group and amendments made prior to submission to GP Sub Committee in June. Once we have their guidance, the final draft document will be brought to IJB in June prior to submission to the Scottish Government in July 2018. We are pleased with the progress made although aware that progress to develop services will be dependent on the availability of funding and appropriate workforce.

#### **Payment Cards**

The procurement for the payment card project is now complete and the contract has been awarded to Prepaid Financial Services (PFS). PFS currently provide prepaid card services to many other Local Authorities for the provision of Direct Payments. The payment card project work plan includes the recovery of unused Direct Payment funds. Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP) finance staff recovered over £608,000 in unused Direct Payment funds in 2017/18. The project has so far recovered over £100,000 in 2018/19.

## Public Health Reform in Scotland

In 2016 the Scottish Government concluded a national Public Health Review. Major public health challenges such as obesity, mental health problems and inactivity, together with the persistence of health inequalities, cannot be addressed solely through treatment. The evidence received through the review emphasised the cost-effectiveness of preventive approaches and a wide appetite for a more active public health effort in Scotland. The review concluded there is a need for clearer public health priorities and that it should be delivered in a more coherent manner across Scotland.

The Scottish Government alongside COSLA are now overseeing a national Public Health Reform programme to implement the recommendations of this review. The Public Health Reform programme has three aims: to identify national public health priorities, to create a single national public health agency by 2019, and to clarify local partnership approaches for public health by 2020.

Over the coming months work will be commissioned to inform the design of the new Public Health national body. National, regional, and local perspectives will be considered. A key function of the new national body will be to support partnership action on the new public health priorities across the public sector.

COSLA is taking a lead role in the public health reform programme to ensure a broad view of public health is adopted, reaching far beyond the NHS. With the wider public sector - specifically local government and local partnerships, including Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) playing a significant role.

A set of Public health priorities have been identified as part of the reform programme, these are:

- We live in safe and healthy places
- We flourish in our early years
- We have good mental wellbeing
- We are not dependent on harmful substances
- We have an inclusive economy with fair share of what we have for all
- We eat well and are active

The Aberdeenshire HSCP strategic priorities for health improvement and the Community Planning Local Outcomes Improvement Plans priorities align to the proposed national public health priorities. Aberdeenshire HSCP's Health Improvement Delivery Plan 2018-9 sets out local action being progressed in partnership in relation to the HSCP's health improvement priorities. In due course, this will be available on the website. Should you require a copy in the interim, these may be obtained from Kim Penman.



### **Newsletter**

This month sees the launch of the newly refreshed 'Integration News'. There has been a significant amount of work undertaken to ensure that we include articles from across all areas of the partnership. In this edition, and in all future editions, there will be a 'Nurses Update' featuring news from one of nursing teams. As you will be able

to see in this edition the focus is on our Health Visitors. We have also sought to promote the IJB and its responsibilities and hope to continue to make this a feature.

### **Joint Thematic Adult Support and Protection (ASP) Report**

There has been a delay in the publication of Care Inspection Joint Thematic ASP report. Communication from the Care Inspection indicates a new publication date around 31 May 2018. There was no explanation given of the reasons for delay. The full inspection report will now be considered at the Adult Protection Committee (APC) on June 27. The findings of the APC and Action Plan developed from the Inspection Report will be shared with IJB members. In the meantime the IJB will continue to be informed of any updates or developments.

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