

Clinical and Adult Social Work Governance Committee Report to Aberdeenshire IJB

Purpose of Report

This report updates the Aberdeenshire IJB on the reconvening of the committee and key issues arising from the Committee meeting on **9th June 2022**. Please find meeting agenda in Appendix A.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to note the following key points and assurances from the Committee in relation to governance matters.

Meeting Minute of 10th March 2022 and 8th April 2022 (Priority Meeting)

The minutes were approved for accuracy at the committee meeting on the 9th June 2022.

Meeting Minute of 9th June 2022

The minute will be approved for accuracy at the next committee meeting on the 8th September 2022.

Public Protection

Lindsey Flockhart, AHSCP Lead Social Worker and Ann-Marie Bruce, AHSCP Strategic Development Officer for Public Protection, presented the paper to the committee and responded to any questions. Tackling Inequalities & Public Protection is one of the five strategic priorities of the Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP). Public protection is the prevention of harm to vulnerable groups and involves working with both victims and perpetrators. The main areas of public protection are Adult Support and Protection, Child Protection, Gender Based Violence and Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA). In terms of accountability, keeping people safe under each of the public protection workstreams, is the responsibility of a multi-agency partnership or committee. The AHSCP is a main statutory partner in each group. AHSCP has strong and consistent governance and scrutiny arrangements across public protection. The use of data, audits and risk registers enable the multi-agency partnerships to be assured of the work that is being undertaken to keep people safe and identify where practice improvements should occur. Regular reporting occurs to the Executive Group for Public Protection (EGPP) which provides leadership and accountability across all public protection arrangements within AHSCP. AHSCP are a valued and effective member of all the multi-agency public protection groups and the EGPP. Appropriate communication between the Clinical and Adult Social Work Governance committee (CASWG) and Public Protection (PP) Groups will continue. The EGPP and PP Groups will make the CASWG committee aware of any issues pertinent to AHSCP. The CASWG committee are also encouraged to raise any Public Protection risks or concerns through existing AHSCP membership on the relevant PP Groups.

Inspections

Geraldine Fraser, AHSCP Manager (Central) & Clinical & Care Governance Lead, Jill Matthew, AHSCP Location Manager (Inverurie), Jennifer Walker, AHSCP Location Manager (Peterhead) and Alison McGruther, AHSCP Chief Nurse, presented the paper to the committee and responded to any questions. The inspection of Health and social care services became more integrated following The Public Bodies Joint Working (Scotland) Act 2014. The Act required adult social care services, primary care, community health and some hospital services to be delegated to Integrated Authorities and extended the remit of the Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) to inspect the planning, organisation and co-ordination of the delegated services. The Care Inspectorate and HIS along with The Mental Welfare Commission (MWC) are regulatory agencies which operate inspection programs of Health and social care services delivered by the partnership. They provide independent assurance, support improvement, innovation, improve experiences and outcomes for people using the services. Both local and national inspection reports are shared across the partnership to support learning and allow continuous improvement in how services are delivered. Jennifer Walker presented the committee with the Care Inspectorate inspection report for Grange Park Care Home in Peterhead. Jill Matthew presented the committee with the Care Inspectorate inspection report and areas for improvement for Bennachie View, Inverurie, and the Mental Welfare Commission inspection report and summary of recommendations for Ashcroft Ward, Inverurie. Alison McGruther presented the committee with the activity being undertaken to prepare for the Care Inspectorate Children's Joint Inspection, providing detail of the amended approach for the inspection. Alison also provided the committee with information on the Health Improvement Scotland Scrutiny Plan for 2022 – 2023 and local inspections. This included the measures to ensure AHSCP Teams were inspection ready and the identification of potential resources and support for those involved.

Storm Response

Chris Smith, AHSCP Chief Finance & Business Officer, presented the paper to the committee and responded to any questions. Over the weekend of 29th & 30th January 2022 the Grampian area was hit by 2 consecutive storms named Malik and Corrie which brought strong winds (of up to 80 mph with gusts of over 90mph) causing significant power outages and widespread disruption on the transport networks. The Grampian Local Resilience Partnership (GLRP) met on the afternoon of Friday 28th January 2022 in response to the Amber wind warning issued by the Met Office. The discussion focused on preparedness of partners to respond to the potential impacts of the winds. Storm Malik impacted on the Grampian area on the morning of 29th January and the Resilience Partnership (RP) was activated in response. Three RP meetings were held on 29th Jan and a further 3 meetings held on 30th January. A further Amber wind warning was issued by the Met Office for Storm Corrie which was forecast to impact on the area on the evening of Sunday 30th January. The RP continued to meet into the following week eventually standing down on Thursday 3rd February 2022. Alongside the GLRP the Care for People Group (CFPG) was stood up on the evening of Saturday 29th January, initiated by the HSCP Senior Manager on Call, and Chaired by the Chief Officer. This was to co-ordinate the response from a Grampian level with other managers on call and resilience leads from Moray and Aberdeen City HSCPs attending, as well as wider partner members. The Chair of the GLRP (Police Scotland) attended the first Care for People meeting. The Care for People Group continued to meet over the weekend and throughout the next week until it was stood down on Thursday 3rd February. A debrief session was held by the GLRP and also the CFPG. The



sessions took place in order to capture key learning lessons from Storms Malik and Corrie in Aberdeenshire. The presentation focused on the CFPG in terms of: Good Practice/ What went well & Learning Points/ Areas for Improvement. Recommendations and actions will be reviewed and implemented through the AHSCP Risk and Resilience Group and progress reported to the Senior Management Team as required.

G-OPES

Geraldine Fraser, AHSCP Manager (Central) & Clinical & Care Governance Lead, explained the Grampian Operational Pressure Escalation System (G-OPES) and that each Portfolio/Sector determines their own level each day, considering service pressures, and reports in to the Daily System Connect meetings, which were established during Operation Iris. Reporting for each of the Portfolio/ Sectors should also link in to their own existing Governance Structures. Geraldine shared the G-OPES – Assurance and Communication chart for AHSCP with the Committee and explained when escalations were made to the different groups. Operation Iris has now been formally stood down and G-OPES reporting is likely to continue. Consideration is being given to future G-OPES reporting within AHSCP. Geraldine explained that they have been reporting on G-OPES level 2 for over 2 weeks so they are in a more stable position in terms of daily challenges around staffing and outbreaks. AHSCP are continuing to have the daily management meeting but with less people attending them. Geraldine highlighted that G-OPES links to the Risk Register, and it had been identified that the operational pressures as a result of Operation Iris were something that needed to be built into risk reporting arrangements and an additional risk on the register which reflected these operational service pressures had been created. Geraldine provided an update on the changing situation and the NHS Grampian Plan for the future which is being developed as well as the Council's new plan which will be developed through the H&SCP.

Chair and Vice-Chair roles

Angie Mutch, Vice-Chair, gave a vote of thanks to Rachael Little, who has been the Chair of the Committee for the past 2 years, and thanked her for her contributions to building a cohesive committee. Rachael thanked Angie for her kind words and said she had really valued the opportunity to be part of the committee. Rachael advised that a new Chair would be appointed and this would be agreed through the Integrated Joint Board (IJB). The next IJB meeting is scheduled for 24th August, the report will be submitted and included in that report will be a supporting statement for Angie Mutch to remain in her Vice Chair role, to provide continuity for the committee.

Rachael Little

Chair – Clinical and Adult Social Work Governance Committee

19th July 2022



Appendix A – CASWG Committee agenda

**Clinical Adult Social Work Governance Committee
CASWG
to be held on 09 June 2022,
Microsoft Teams Meeting 2:00pm – 4:00pm**

A G E N D A

1.	Welcome / Introductions & Apologies
2.	Minute Approval – Items 2 & 3 attached
3.	Public Protection – Item 4 attached - Ann-Marie Bruce / Lindsey Flockhart / Susan MacLaren
4.	Inspection – Item 5 attached - Geraldine Fraser
5.	Storm Response - Item 6 attached – Chris Smith
6.	G-OPES – Geraldine Fraser – Verbal Update
7.	AOCB

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 8th September 2022 2-4pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting**