



CONSULTATION RESPONSE ON DRAFT REGULATIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

Aim

To provide the Shadow Board with the consultation response on the draft regulations for final comment and approval.

Background

The Scottish Government have invited Health Boards and Councils to comment on the draft regulations. The Regulations were published in two sets, set one published on the 12th of May and set two on the 27th of May. The comments were due to be returned by the 1st of August, however due to the timing of the Shadow Board, we have been granted an extension until after the Board meeting on Monday 4th August.

The Shadow Board agreed previously that there should be a joint response from the NHS Board and Council with the final response agreed by the Shadow Board.

The draft regulations have been widely circulated across the Council and NHS, including the Joint Staff Forum. They were also circulated to the third sector and discussed at a number of meetings of the Public Reference Group.

Summary

Scottish Borders Council and NHS Borders welcome the opportunity to comment and are keen to emphasise their support for the opportunities afforded by integration to improve outcomes for individuals, carers and communities in our Council area.

To highlight some key issues:-

Many of the comments seek clarification or further information on specific areas where there could be perceived to be a doubt of intent or meaning. The interdependency of scheduled and unscheduled care in health budgets has been highlighted as a particular area of challenge in ensuring that health integration is maintained across all services within and outwith the partnership.

The role of the partnership in the public sector landscape requires clarification in some areas, particularly in relation to the Community Planning arrangements.

Some of the services need further definition; the inclusion of 'women's health' is a good example.

Local flexibility in some areas would be helpful, including the proposed membership of the Strategic Planning Group.

Recommendation

The Integration Shadow Board is asked to **approve** the Response to the draft Regulations

Policy/Strategy Implications	The finalised regulations will be critical in defining the Strategic Plan for Integration.
Consultation	This paper forms the basis of the Shadow Integration Board’s response to national consultation on the draft regulations. The consultation paper has been circulated widely across both the Council and Health Board.
Risk Assessment	N/A
Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity	N/A
Resource/Staffing Implications	N/A

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