



THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTEGRATED HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS IN THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

Aim

- 1.1 The aim is to clarify how the integrated health and social care arrangements in the Scottish Borders will be established through the Scheme of Integration, the establishment of the Integrated Joint Board and the Strategic Plan.
- 1.2 NHS Borders will be asked to note the process and timescales that will lead to the full Partnership arrangements being established.

Background

- 2.1 The Integration scheme is the document by which the NHS Board and Council will outline how the legislation Public Bodies (Joint Working) Act 2014 is to be complied with. Specifically the Integration Scheme must state which model of integration the Board and the Council have agreed to apply (delegated authority to an Integrated Joint Board or a lead agency model), the functions to be delegated in accordance with that model and the scope agreed.
- 2.2. The Integration scheme is the means by which the Health Board and Council give an assurance that they will meet the legislative requirements.
- 2.3 The agreements in the scheme are legally binding, the only information that is prescribed in the Act or regulations can be included and once agreed any changes will require to be consulted upon and will required to be submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval.
- 2.4 A model Integration scheme outlining how the Integrated Joint Board should operate was issued in early October 2014 and the guide being used by the Scottish Government to review the Integration Scheme was published on the 14th November.

The Integration Scheme

- 3.1 By 31st March 2015 the Integration Scheme will be submitted to Ministers for approval. A body corporate model has been agreed by Scottish Borders Council and NHS Borders and the scope agreed as follows:-

From NHS Borders

- District Nursing
- Addiction services

- Public dental services
- Primary care contractor services
- General Dental Services
- Ophthalmic Services
- Community Pharmacy services
- Palliative care
- Learning Disabilities
- Mental health
- Continence services
- Services provided by health professionals that aim to promote public health

From Scottish Borders Council

- Social work services for adults and older people
- Services and support for adults with physical disabilities and learning disabilities
- Mental health Services
- Drug and alcohol services
- Community care and assessment teams
- Care home services
- Adult placement services
- Health improvement services
- Aspects of housing support, including aids and adaptations
- Day Services
- Local area coordination
- Respite provision
- Occupational Therapy Services
- Re-ablement services

3.2 The above list of community services are all included in the legislation as those that must be delegated to the Integrated Joint Board.

3.3 The one service the Board and Council have agreed to delegate which is in the 'may' list of services to be delegated locally is the Health Visiting service. They are crucial members of the primary care team and focus on children, but in the context of their family circumstance.

3.4 The services above will all be managed as part of the integrated community health and social care arrangements.

3.5 The following acute based services are in scope and will continue to be managed operationally by the NHS Board Acute management team. They are in the scope of the Partnership, but for strategic planning purposes. This will allow the strategic plan to focus on the planning and delivery of the whole pathway of care, facilitating a shift in resource and capacity to where it is needed most. The following acute services in the scope for planning purposes are:-

- Accident and Emergency
- General Medicine
- Geriatric Medicine
- Rehabilitation Medicine
- Respiratory medicine

- Hospital Palliative care
- GP Out of Hours services

The Integrated Joint Board

- 4.1 Once the Integration Scheme has been approved by Ministers, Orders will be laid in Parliament to establish the Integrated Joint Boards. This is likely to be several weeks after the submission
- 4.2 Once the Integrated Joint Board is established by Parliamentary Order, it can appoint its Chief Officer, Finance Officer and prepare the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will contain the date when the functions and resources are to be delegated to the Integrated Joint Board, by 01 April 2016 at the latest.

The Strategic Plan

- 5.1 Although the Integrated Joint Board exists as an entity from the 1st April 2015, the Health Board and the Council cannot formally delegate its functions to the Integrated Joint Board until the Strategic Plan is agreed with the resource attached to the functions and scope agreed.
- 5.2 The Strategic Plan will set out how the Integrated Joint Board aim to achieve the nine health and wellbeing national outcomes and will state the date by which the functions will formally be delegated.
- 5.3 Until the functions are delegated formally, the Integrated Joint Board will in effect act in advisory capacity and formal decisions will be taken to the parent bodies for approval. The guidance note on the disestablishment of the CHCPs and arrangements for the Integrated Joint Board from April 2015 was published on the 10th November 2014.
- 5.4 The strategic plan is crucial to ensuring the Integrated Joint board is able to fulfil its functions. The Plan must be agreed by April 2016 and must:-
 - Identify the total resources available across health and social care for each care group and relate this information to the needs of local populations;
 - Agree desired outcomes and link investment to them;
 - Assure sound clinical and care governance is embedded;
 - Use a coherent approach to selecting and prioritising investment and disinvestment decisions; and
 - Reflect closely the needs and plans articulated at locality level.
- 5.5 The intention in the Scottish Borders is to produce a draft Strategic Plan in April 2015, in order to ensure a clear sense of direction and purpose toward the agreed national health and wellbeing outcomes. It proposed the full Strategic Plan will be agreed in October 2015 and will set out the plan for future delivery with the finances to match. It will also set out the date for implementation.
- 5.6 To ensure a clean move to the new integrated arrangements and align the budgets with the service plan, it is proposed that the full date for the legal powers to be transferred to the Integrated Joint Board and the date from which the strategic plan becomes fully operational will be 1st April 2016.

Recommendation

The Integration Shadow Board is asked to **note** the key elements required to be in place to establish the integrated health and social care arrangements in the Scottish Borders and **note** the timescales as outlined.

Policy/Strategy Implications	Legislative requirements
Consultation	Formal Consultation will take place in relation to the Integration Scheme and Strategic Plan
Risk Assessment	Completed as part of the project management arrangements
Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity	Will be outlined in the Integration schemes and strategic plan equality impact assessments
Resource/Staffing Implications	Will be detailed in the Strategic Plan

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