



DRAFT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION SCHEME FOR THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

Aim

- 1.1 To share with the Integration Shadow Board the current Draft Integration Scheme that is being submitted to Borders NHS Board (4 December 2014) and Scottish Borders Council (18 December 2014) to seek their approval to proceed to consult on the Draft Integration Scheme in line with Scottish Government requirements.

Background

- 2.1 The Integration scheme is the document by which the Health Board and Local Authority 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 Health Board and the Local Authority 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 Local Authority give an assurance that they will meet the legislative requirements.
- 2.3 It must be noted that the agreements within 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 require 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 first draft guide being used by the Scottish Government to review the Integration Scheme was published on the 14 November.
- 2.5 In order to achieve an agreed Integration Scheme by 31 March 2015 the following plan and timescales are in place:-
 - The Draft Integration Scheme is submitted to Borders NHS Board for approval on 4 December to commence consultation from 22 December 2014.
 - The Draft Integration Scheme is shared with the Shadow Integration Board on 8 December 2014.
 - The Draft Integration Scheme is submitted on 18 December 2014 to Scottish Borders Council for approval to commence consultation from 22 December 2014.
 - The Integration Scheme is submitted to Ministers for approval by the deadline of 31 March 2015.

- On approval of the integration scheme by Ministers, Orders will be laid in Parliament to establish the Integrated Joint Board. This is anticipated as likely to be October 2015.
- Once the Integrated Joint Board is established by Parliamentary Order, it can appoint its Chief Officer, its Finance Officer and before April 2016 must approve its strategic plan. The Strategic Plan will contain the date on which functions and resources are to be delegated to the Integrated Joint Board which must be by 1 April 2016 at the latest.

2.6 Although the Integrated Joint Board exists as an entity from the 1st April 2015, the Health Board and the Local Authority cannot formally delegate their functions to the Integrated Joint Board until the Strategic Plan is agreed with the resources attached to the functions and scope agreed.

2.7 Until the functions are delegated formally, the Integrated Joint Board will in effect act in an advisory capacity and formal decisions will be taken to the parent bodies for approval.

Summary

3.1 Work has been undertaken jointly by the Health Board and Local Authority to develop a Draft Scheme of Integration that is ready for consultation.

3.2 Both the Health Board and the Local Authority are required to undertake a 12 week consultation period on the Draft Integration Scheme. An engagement and communication plan has been formulated and an easy read version of the draft Integration Scheme is being finalised.

3.3 The Shadow Integration Board should be aware that during the consultation period the Draft Integration Scheme may be amended in line with further guidance and regulations that are expected to be issued by Scottish Government.

3.4 Also during the period of consultation the workstreams will develop and describe the detailed operational arrangements which are essential to delivery and governance but will also, as appendices, provide the evidence to support the required legislative arrangements set out in the scheme.

Recommendation

4.1 The Integration Shadow Board is asked to **note** the approval route of the Draft Integration Scheme and the intention to proceed to consult on 22 December 2014.

Policy/Strategy Implications	Legislative requirement.
Consultation	Formal consultation will commence from 22 December 2014.
Risk Assessment	A risk register is kept as part of the overall programme of work.
Compliance with Board Policy	Equality Impact Assessment undertaken.

requirements on Equality and Diversity	
Resource/Staffing Implications	As detailed within the scheme.

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