

SCOTTISH BORDERS PROFESSIONAL ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK: HEALTH & SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONALS

Aim

- 1.1 This Framework sets out how the Medical Director, Executive Nurse Director and Chief Social Worker provide assurance to the Integrated Joint Board (IJB), NHS Board and the Local Authority in the Scottish Borders on the quality and professionalism of the health and social care professional for which they have accountability. When implemented, the Framework provides evidence that structures and processes are in place to provide the right level of scrutiny and assurance across all these professional services.

Background

- 2.1 The Scottish Government set out the 2020 Vision and Strategic Narrative for achieving sustainable quality in the delivery of health and social care across Scotland. This vision can only be realised if the people who deliver care in Scotland work in partnership with the people they serve. This Framework, as well as assuring the NHS Board and the Local Authority, will also demonstrate to the Scottish Government how health and social care professionals within Scottish Borders are meeting the ambitions of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill 2013.

Summary

- 3.1 The components of the professional assurance framework are:
- Health & Social Care Professionals are equipped, supervised and supported according to regulatory requirements;
 - There is dispersed leadership which focuses on outcomes and promotes a culture of multi-professional parity & respect
 - There is clear accountability for standards & professionalism at each level & upwards to the IJB, NHS Board & Local Authority
 - The IJB, NHS Board and the Local Authority have a clear understanding of the quality of the Nursing, Midwifery, Allied Health Professionals and Social Work services.

Recommendation

The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to **note** the report.

Policy/Strategy Implications	Implications on IJB, NHS Board and the Local Authority.
Consultation	N/A
Risk Assessment	N/A
Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity	Yes

Resource/Staffing Implications	Possibility
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