

Scottish Borders Health & Social Care
Integration Joint Board



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CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

Purpose of Report:	To inform the Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board (IJB) of the activity undertaken by the Chief Officer since the last meeting.
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Recommendations:	The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to: a) Note the report.
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Personnel:	Not Applicable
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Carers:	Not Applicable
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Equalities:	Not Applicable
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Financial:	Not Applicable
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Legal:	Not Applicable
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Risk Implications:	Not Applicable
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Chief Officer Report

Health Lives Week

The first week in October was the Scottish Borders' first Healthy Lives Week. This was launched by the Health and Social Care Partnership, which brings together SBC, NHS Borders and the voluntary sector, and has a very important role in looking after people and helping to support them to live healthy, independent lives.

Healthy Lives Week also marked the launch of the Partnership's refreshed Strategic Plan and use of the #yourpart campaign. This focuses on three key aims: improving the health of the population; helping patient flow through the hospital; and increasing the capacity within communities to care for our population.

Establishing Healthy Lives Week was a fantastic opportunity to work with a range of partners to get the word out to people about these three objectives, and the opportunities for the public to play their part in alleviating some of the pressure on health and social care services.

Hospital to Home (H2H)

As part of the expansion of the H2H programme, interviews were held on 24 September for band 2 Health Care Support Workers. We were successful in appointing 18 people who we hope to commence work in late November. An induction plan is currently being prepared for these posts. A Physiotherapist and an Occupational Therapist also started on 1 October as part of this programme.

Winter Plan/Craw Wood

As part of the Winter Plan, we have identified a need to fund an extra 8 beds at Craw Wood however at this moment in time; the financials remain incomplete due to the partial calculation of expenditure on Craw Wood and current expenditure/commitments on the Integrated Care Fund. A formal proposal will be brought to the next meeting in November for consideration, prior to the development session.

New Posts

The two posts of Chief Officer for Adult Social Work & Social Care and Group Manager were advertised earlier this month, with a closing date of 14 October. We are hopeful to appoint after this initial round of recruitment.

Care Inspectorate

We received confirmation from the Care Inspectorate of our change of link inspector to Geoff Mark, Strategic Inspector, as of 20 September. We are currently setting up various introductory meetings as part of the handover to ensure a clear understanding of our priorities, approaches, aspirations and challenges. Stuart Easingwood, the newly appointed Chief Social Work & Public Protection Officer/Interim Service Director for Children & Young People, is also involved in this handover process.

Regional Work

I attended the Housing Sector/Health and Social Care Partnership Chief Officers Roundtable Discussion on 28 September, where IJBs were asked to refresh their Housing Statements in Spring 2019.

Rob McCulloch-Graham
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