

**Scottish Borders Health & Social Care
Integration Joint Board**



Meeting Date: *Iris will complete*

Report By:	Chris Myers, Chief Officer
Contact:	Chris Myers, Chief Officer
Contact:	Via Microsoft Teams
UPDATE ON NATIONAL CARE SERVICE CORRESPONDENCE	
Purpose of Report:	<p>On 17 August 2022, following consideration of the response from the Integration Joint Board to the Scottish Parliament Call for Views on the National Care Service; the Scottish Borders Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board agreed (by a majority at the meeting) to the principle of progressing discussions with the Scottish Borders Council, NHS Borders and Scottish Government to explore the potential for a local pathfinder to support the development of the Bill. Further to this, a letter has been submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for Mental Health and Social Care to this effect.</p> <p>The co-signed letter to the Scottish Government from the Chair of the Integration Joint Board, the Leader of the Scottish Borders Council and the Chair of NHS Borders in relation to the National Care Service pathfinder is enclosed.</p> <p>The response from Mr Kevin Stewart MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care is also enclosed. An initial discussion between the Chief Officer (on behalf of the Integration Joint Board, Scottish Borders Council and NHS Borders) with Scottish Government Officers is planned for the 30th January 2022.</p>
Recommendations:	The Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the contents of the letter and the response
Personnel:	Not applicable
Carers:	Not applicable
Equalities:	Not applicable
Financial:	Not applicable
Legal:	Not applicable
Risk Implications:	Not applicable

Direction required:	No
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