
DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN – A CONVERSATION WITH YOU

Report by Chief Officer, Health & Social Care Integration

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

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1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This paper sets out the documentation to be used for an initial engagement and consultation process for the Strategic Commissioning Plan during April and May 2015.**
- 1.2 As required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 – The Strategic Commissioning Plan will lay out the health and social care priorities for the Borders within an integrated framework in which the Council will jointly use its resources with NHS Borders.
- 1.3 It is proposed that the appended First Draft of the Strategic Commissioning Plan be used to generate the widest possible interest in engaging people in the early development of the Plan.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Committee agrees to approve Appendix 1 as the documentation to be used for the first phase of the joint engagement and consultation process in support of the creation of a Borders Strategic Commissioning Plan.**

3 BACKGROUND & PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The Strategic Commissioning Plan is not only a statutory requirement but is also driven by local and national policy and aims to meet the needs of adults now and in the future, by working within available financial and workforce resources and by tackling inequalities, along with offering new ways of working and early preventative measures.
- 3.2 The final Plan is to be of three year's duration and will be reviewed and rolled-on each year.
- 3.3 This is the first version of the Plan and builds on the progress that has already been made by NHS Borders, Scottish Borders Council and their partners to improve and re-design local services.
- 3.4 A wide range of information has been drawn on to start to form a case for change and this consultation draft Plan profiles the all important Strategic Objectives derived from National Outcomes in which future ambitions are directed.

Engagement and Consultation

- 3.5 The Strategic Commissioning plan requires to be co-produced with all key stakeholders and therefore this first engagement exercise during April and May 2015 will provide an opportunity to do this. Key stakeholders will have the opportunity to express views, opinions and thoughts on the draft plan whilst also contributing to the next version of the plan which will then be subjected to a full formal 3 month consultation exercise from July 2015.
- 3.6 Future work on the Plan will be based on what is learned from this engagement and consultation exercise by listening to people in the Borders – patients, service users, carers, members of the public, clinicians and professionals and other partner organisations.
- 3.7 Other key stakeholders that will be part of this exercise are listed below and a fully detailed Communications and Engagement Plan will underpin this work.
- SBC Elected Members
 - Community planning partners
 - Community councils
 - Area Forums
 - Other Health Boards and special boards
 - NHS Borders Board, Advisory Committees and Non-Executives Directors
 - Independent contractors
 - Participation Network - including public partnership forum and public reference group
 - Scottish Government
 - MPs, MSPs
 - Media
 - Third Sector (voluntary groups/organisations)

- Commissioned service providers
- Joint service providers
- Public Governance Committee
- Cross Borders patient flows/neighbour Boards
- Equality Forum
- Children & Young People

3.8 Community events will also take place across all localities during this exercise in the following towns:

- Duns
- Eyemouth
- Jedburgh
- Kelso
- Galashiels
- Selkirk
- Lauder
- Hawick
- Peebles

3.9 Dates for these sessions are currently being scoped but will take place during May 2015. These will be open to all staff and public and will be widely advertised in advance.

3.10 A launch will take place as part of this exercise and this will include press release, advertisement of the events and awareness of how people can get involved. Full use will be made of all standard SBC and NHS Borders communication channels to deliver key messages and encourage engagement.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

There are no costs attached to any of the recommendations contained in this report. Associated costs of undertaking the consultation and engagement exercise will be met through financial resources allocated to the project and also through existing staff resource.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

If Scottish Borders Council and NHS Borders do not conduct an initial consultation exercise there is a potential risk that the requirements of the integration legislation and associated guidance will not be fulfilled i.e. the people who use and provide services and others will not have an opportunity to be involved in the development of the Plan from its earliest stages.

4.3 Equalities

An Equalities Impact Assessment is being conducted alongside the development of the Plan. At this stage no adverse equality implications are being anticipated in response to the recommendation contained in this report.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

The recommendations in this report support community participation through involving the community in developing and implementing the project, improving community capacity and encouraging local action and decision making.

4.5 Carbon Management

There should be no impact on the Councils' Carbon emissions.

4.6 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes to the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, Clerk to the Council, Director Head Strategy and Policy, Chief Officer Audit and Risk and Chief Officer HR are being consulted and any comments received will be reported at the meeting.

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