

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE CLINICAL AND CARE GOVERNANCE AND CONSULTATION

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides Members with a proposed schedule of reporting and assurance from the Clinical and Care Governance Committee. The report also asks Members to agree a process of reporting to Full Council on the outcomes of consultation undertaken by the Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to agree:

2.1 the timescale and frequency of the reporting to Social Work Services Committee from the Clinical and Care Governance Committee; and

2.2 to remit to Full Council the proposed reporting mechanism with regards to consultations undertaken under the Health and Social Care Partnership, which would provide a mechanism for the views of the Elected representatives to be tabled at the Integrated Joint Board (IJB), whilst recognising that the IJB is responsible for any decisions made following consultation.

3. Background

3.1 Under the Integration Scheme for health and social care integration between NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council, the professional oversight of the delegated services will report to the Clinical and Care Governance Committee. This is reflected both in the Scheme of Delegation for the Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board, and in the remit of this Committee.

3.2 The Scheme of Delegation for the Integration Joint Board provides the remit of the Clinical and Care Governance Committee as follows:-

1. To provide an effective overview of the clinical and care governance agenda across integrated services.
2. To ensure that quality monitoring and governance arrangements are in place for safe and effective health and social care service delivery in Dumfries and Galloway and will include as a minimum these elements listed below:

- Service user/patient experience of integrated delivery, including complaints raised by service users, carers and families.
- Achievement of Personal outcomes.
- Risk management, including adverse event reporting and learning systems.
- Inspection activity and associated improvement plans.
- Research and development.
- Quality and safety of care, including continuous improvement.
- Statutory and legal requirements.
- Quality assurance in commissioned services.
- Workforce development and regulation.

3.3 The Clinical and Care Governance Committee is responsible for the continuous review of the arrangements for clinical and care governance which is fundamental to the partnership delivering its ambitions. The Clinical and Care Governance Committee will provide to the IJB the required assurance of the quality and safety of service delivered. This Committee consists of senior managers and professional leadership from within the partnership and provides an effective overview of the clinical and care governance agenda across the delegated integrated services. The Chief Social Work Officer, Executive Nurse Director and Medical Director are the professional members of this Committee. The Committee is currently chaired by one of the NHS non-executive members of the Integrated Joint Board.

3.4 Assurance to the IJB and subsequently to the Parties in respect of the key areas of clinical and care governance is achieved through explicit and effective lines of accountability. Professional responsibility and accountability for Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professional practice is devolved to the Executive Nurse Director of NHS Dumfries and Galloway. Professional responsibility and accountability for Social Work practice is to the Chief Social Work Officer of the Council. Professional responsibility and accountability for Medical Staff is devolved to the Medical Director of NHS Dumfries and Galloway. Operational management, responsibility and accountability rest with the Chief Officer.

3.5 In accordance with the arrangements set out in the partnership agreement and the IJB's scheme of delegation, the Clinical and Care Governance Committee are required to report to the IJB and the Council's Social Work Services Committee in order to provide assurance with regards to the quality and safety of services being delivered via the IJB.

3.6 It is proposed that the Chief Operating Officer or delegated substitute officer will attend Social Work Services Committee on 10 May 2018 to present an update report on the work of the Clinical and Care Governance Committee prior to the IJB scheduled for 26 July 2018. Thereafter the Chief Operating Officer will report to Social Work Services Committee on a twice yearly basis.

3.7 We would additionally ask Members to consider that, in order to provide Elected Members with an opportunity to debate and discuss outcomes of consultations undertaken by the Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership, that the Chief Social Work Officer reports these to Full Council in advance of the IJB, whilst recognising the final decision rests with the IJB.

4. Governance Assurance

The Corporate Management Team, Head of Finance and Procurement and the Social Work Strategic Planning Group have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of the report.

5. Impact Assessment

As this report does not propose a change in policy, the formal adoption of a plan, policy or strategy it is not necessary to complete an impact assessment.

Approved by

NAME	DESIGNATION
Lillian Cringles	Head of Social Work/Chief Social Work Officer

Appendices – None

Background Papers

Minute – Full Council – 26 March 2015 – Integration of Health and Social Care – Draft Integration Scheme

<http://egenda.dumgal.gov.uk/aksdumgal/users/public/admin/kab12.pl?cmte=COU&meet=139&arc=71>

Health and Social Care Integration - Integration Scheme between NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council

<http://www.dg-change.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Dumfries-and-Galloway-Integration-Scheme.pdf>

Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board - Scheme of Delegation to Committees

<http://www.dg-change.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Agenda-Item-7-Appendix-2-Scheme-of-Delegation-to-Committees.pdf>