

Midlothian Integration Joint Board



Thursday 10 December 2020, 2.00pm

Independent Review of Adult Social Care

Item number: 5.5

Executive summary

An Independent Review of Adult Social Care (IRASC) in Scotland is currently underway. They had invited comments until the 6th November 2020 and will report to the Scottish Government in January 2021. Terms of reference for the review are attached (appendix 1). This report highlights the scope of the review.

Board members are asked to:

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide board members with information regarding the scope of the Independent review of Adult Social Care.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 As a result of this report what are Members being asked to:-

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3 Background and main report

- 3.1 The Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland was announced by the First Minister as part of the Programme for Government on 1 September.

The Review's chair is Derek Feeley, former President of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and ex-Director General of the NHS in Scotland. An advisory panel supports him in this role.

Phase one of the review sought the views of people using social care services, staff working in them and social care provider organisations, as well as local authorities, Integration Joint Boards and NHS Boards.

The review will make recommendations for improvements in outcomes for people using adult social care services, their carers and families and improvements in the experience of people working in adult social care. The review will take a 'human rights' based approach.

The Review is focusing on:

- Dimensions of high quality social care
- Needs, rights and preferences of people using social care services and supports
- The experience of staff working in the social care sector
- Regulation, scrutiny and improvement of social care
- Human rights and ethics in social care
- Commissioning and procurement
- Finance
- Potential national aspects of a social care system.

4 Policy Implications

- 4.1 There are potentially significant implications for the IJB and Partnership depending upon the outcome.

5 Directions

- 5.1 There is no current need to make any changes to directions; however once the outcomes of the review is known there may be a need to undertake a review on key areas relating to social care.

6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 The review will be ensuring that equalities are considered throughout their process.

7 Resource Implications

- 7.1 There are no specific resource implications as a result of this report however there may be implications once the outcome of the review is known.

8 Risk

- 8.1 There are no explicit risks as a result of this report.

9 Involving people

- 9.1 The review has been seeking feedback from a wide range of stakeholders. The Chief Social Work Officer was involved in a meeting with the Chair of the review and contributed to a Social Work Scotland response to the review. (appendix 2)

10 Background Papers

10.1

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Appendices: