

Independent Review of Adult Social Care

Report by Alison White, Chief Social Work Officer

Report for Decision

1 Recommendations

Council is asked to:

Note the report and agree to receive a further update in the New Year once the outcome of the review is known.

2 Purpose of Report/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.

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1 Background/Main Body of Report

- 1.1 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.

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)

4 Report Implications (Resource, Digital, Risk and Equalities)

4.1 Resource

This report does not make recommendations which entail the allocation of resources. The outcome of the review however may present implications.

4.2 Digital

None

4.3 Risk

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

4.4 Ensuring Equalities

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

4.5 Additional Report Implications (See Appendix A)

Appendices

Appendix 1 Terms of the report

Appendix 2 SWS response to review

