

National Care Service Seminar Feedback**Report by Joan Tranent, Chief Social Work Officer****Report for Decision****1 Recommendations**

It is recommended that Council Delegate to a cross-party group of members, comprising Leaders and Portfolio holders, to sign off the final response prior to submission to the Scottish Government by 2nd November, 2021.

2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary

At the meeting of full Council on 24 August 2021, Council unanimously agreed to:

- (a) Approve a Seminar in September 2021 to discuss the content of the National Care Service Review in order to help inform the Council's response to the Consultation and;
- (b) Following feedback provided at the Seminar, instruct officers to present the Consultation response to the meeting of the Council in October for approval, prior to submission.

An All Member Seminar was held on 29 September, 2021 to provide members with an overview of what is proposed in the National Care Service Consultation and a note of the Seminar is appended to this report.

Given that the Scottish Government has now extended the date for Consultation responses to 2 November, members agreed at the Seminar to take more time to consider the response and agreed the following actions:

- Officers to attend each Political Group in order to inform the Council response
- Officers to draw up the draft response based on the feedback from the three Political groups
- Delegate to a cross-party group of members, comprising Leaders and Portfolio holders, to sign off the final response prior to submission to the Scottish Government by 2nd November.

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3 Background/Main Body of Report

3.1 The Scottish Government launched a consultation on proposals for the delivery of social care in Scotland encompassing;

- National Care Service
- Improving care for people
- Reformed Integration Joint Boards: Community Health and Social Care Board
- Commissioning of services
- Regulation
- Valuing people who work in social care

3.2 Preferred Approach to implementation

The Scottish Government's (SG) ambition is to go beyond the creation of a National Care Service for adult social care. The consultation seeks views on creating a comprehensive community health and social care service that supports people of all ages.

It proposes that the National Care Service will define the strategic direction and quality standards for community health and social care in Scotland. It will have local delivery boards which will work with the NHS, local authorities, and the third and independent sectors to plan, commission and deliver the support and services that the people of Scotland need.

People with lived experience of care and support will sit on these boards alongside local elected members and professionals.

A key recommendation of the IRASC was the creation of a National Care Service (NCS), on an equal footing with NHS Scotland and with Scottish Ministers being accountable for adult social care support.

However, the proposals contained in the consultation go beyond this and seeks views on the creation of a comprehensive community health, social work and social care including other groups such as children and young people, community justice and alcohol and drug services.

The consultation period runs from 9 August – until 2 November 2021 and seeks views on:

- The scope and reach of the National Care Service;
- Links with community healthcare services, which are currently delegated to Integration Joint Boards;
- Improving how care is planned and delivered in practice, including rights to breaks from caring and non-residential care charges;
- Moving to ethical commissioning of care across Scotland;
- The regulation and scrutiny landscape;
- Valuing and supporting people who work in social care.

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

4.1 Resource

Not applicable at present as any impact on workforce, assets and resources is yet to be defined.

4.2 Digital

Not applicable at present as any impact on digital resources is yet to be defined.

4.3 Risk

Not applicable at present as any risk impact is yet to be defined.

4.4 Ensuring Equalities

Not applicable at present

4.4 Additional Report Implications

APPENDIX A – Report Implications

A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

A.2 Key Drivers for Change

Key drivers addressed in this report:

- ☐ Holistic Working
- ☐ Hub and Spoke
- ☐ Modern
- ☐ Sustainable
- ☐ Transformational
- ☐ Preventative
- ☐ Asset-based
- ☐ Continuous Improvement
- ☐ One size fits one
- ☒ None of the above

A.3 Key Delivery Streams

Key delivery streams addressed in this report:

- ☐ One Council Working with you, for you
- ☐ Preventative and Sustainable
- ☐ Efficient and Modern
- ☐ Innovative and Ambitious
- ☒ None of the above

A.4 Delivering Best Value

Not applicable at present as any impact on resources is yet to be defined.

A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The consultation period in the establishment of a National Care Service (NCS), runs from 9 August – until 2 November 2021.

A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Not applicable at present as any impact on performance and outcomes is yet to be defined.

A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not applicable at present.

A.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

Not applicable at present.