

A National Care Service for Scotland - Consultation

Report by Chief Social Work Officer

Report for Decision

1 Recommendations

- A: Council is requested to approve a Seminar in September 2021 to discuss the content of the National Care Service Review in order to help inform Midlothian Council's response to the Consultation.
- B: Following the feedback provided at the Seminar, instruct Officers to present the Midlothian Council Consultation response to October 2021 Council for approval prior to submission.

2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary

This report advises members of the National Care Service Consultation which has now been launched by the Scottish Government.

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3 Background

3.1 In February 2021 the Independent Review of Adult Social Care report was published. It concluded that whilst there were strengths to Scotland's social care system it needed revision and redesign to enable a step change in the outcomes for people in receipt of care. The review provided a number of high level areas of focus:

- 3.1.1 Ensuring that care is person/centred, human rights based, and seen as an investment in society.
- 3.1.2 Making Scottish Ministers responsible for the delivery of social care support, with the establishment of a National Care Service to deliver and oversee integration, improvement and best practices across health and social care services.
- 3.1.3 Changing local IJB's to be the delivery arm of the National Care Service, funded directly from the Scottish Government.
- 3.1.4 The nurturing and strengthening of the workforce, and greater recognition and support for unpaid carers.

The consultation which opened on Monday 9th August runs for 10 weeks and will use this opportunity to consider the scope, remit, inclusivity and delivery mechanisms of the National Care Service in its widest sense. The assumption is that as a minimum it will cover adult social care services. However, this consultation sets out proposals for an expanded scope for the National Care Service to include:

- Children & Young people
- Community Justice
- Alcohol and Drug services; and
- Social Work.

The Seminar shall offer an overview of all the areas the consultation shall consider and start discussions and debate about what changes should be made to achieve better outcomes for people. The seminar will also discuss implications for governance, finance and risk.

4 Report Implications (Resource, Digital and Risk)

4.1 Resource

This report requests a seminar only to respond to the consultation. There are significant resource implications if the proposals are implemented and these will be discussed at the proposed seminar.

4.2 Digital

This report requests a seminar only to respond to the consultation. There are significant digital and data security implications if the proposals are implemented and these will be discussed at the proposed seminar.

4.3 Risk

This report requests a seminar only to respond to the consultation. There are significant risk implications if the proposals are implemented and these will be discussed at the proposed seminar.

4.4 Ensuring Equalities (if required a separate IIA must be completed)

This report requests a seminar only to respond to the consultation. There are significant equalities implications if the proposals are implemented and these will be discussed at the proposed seminar.

4.5 Additional Report Implications

See Appendix A.

APPENDIX A – Report Implications

A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Not applicable

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

This report requests a seminar only to respond to the consultation. There are significant best value and commissioning implications if the proposals are implemented and these will be discussed at the proposed seminar.

A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

This report requests a seminar only to respond to the consultation. There are significant implications for communities and stakeholders if the proposals are implemented and these will be discussed at the proposed seminar.

A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

This report requests a seminar only to respond to the consultation. There are significant performance and outcomes related implications if the proposals are implemented and these will be discussed at the proposed seminar.

A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach

This report requests a seminar only to respond to the consultation. There are significant implications for preventative intervention if the proposals are implemented and these will be discussed at the proposed seminar.

A.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

This report requests a seminar only to respond to the consultation. There are significant sustainability and capital implications if the proposals are implemented and these will be discussed at the proposed seminar.

APPENDIX B

Background Papers/Resource Links (if applicable)

See link below (National Care Service Consultation Document):

Consultation launched ahead of 'biggest public sector reform for decades' - gov.scot
(www.gov.scot)