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Review of progress with Integration

Item number: 5.1

Executive summary

The paper highlights the recent report from the Ministerial Strategic Group for Health and Community Care on the review of progress with Integration of health and social care.

Board members are asked to:

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 The paper highlights the recent report from the Ministerial Strategic Group for Health and Community Care on the review of progress with Integration of health and social care.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 As a result of this report Members are asked to note the key points identified within the report and agree to receive an updated report setting out what progress has been made locally against the key recommendations within the report and the previous Audit Scotland report on Integration.

3 Background and main report

- 3.1 In May 2018, the then Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport made a commitment to Parliament to undertake – with COSLA – a ‘Review of Progress Under Integration Authorities’. Through the Ministerial Strategic Group, a small leadership group was commissioned to undertake this Review of Progress which has now concluded its deliberations and produced a set of proposed actions for driving forward health and social care integration.
- 3.2 Given the timing of this Review of Progress publishing its findings shortly after the Audit Scotland phase two report on integration, the actions are presented under headings of six key areas for improvement highlighted by Audit Scotland, which were discussed at the previous IJB meeting and are set below:

Key Points

- Shared and **collaborative leadership** must underpin and drive forward integration
 - **Integrated finances** and financial planning focus on the practicalities of ensuring the arrangements legislated are used fully
 - Maximising the benefit of health and social care services, depends on **good planning** across all the services in communities and hospitals
 - **Governance** and accountability must be clear and commonly understood
 - Understanding where progress and problems are arising **in sharing information** is key to delivering better care in different settings.
 - Meaningful and **sustained engagement** has a central role to play in ensuring that the planning and delivery of services is centred on people.
- 3.3 MSG has created the expectation that every Health Board, Local Authority and IJB will take action to make progress within the local area, with support on offer. There is a reiteration to making integration work, recognising the need for difficult conversations to take place if required.

- 3.4 National improvement bodies, including Healthcare Improvement Scotland, Care Inspectorate and Improvement Service will work with the key partners to deliver the improvement support required to implement our proposals.
- 3.5 An update report on progress within Midlothian against the recommendations from the Audit Scotland report and the MSG review will be produced for the IJB meeting in March 2019 to allow for fuller discussion on the key issues and subsequently reported to Audit & Risk Committee for oversight and delivery.

4 Policy Implications

- 4.1 The issues outlined in this report relate to the integration of health and social care services and the delivery of policy objectives within the IJBs Strategic Plan.

5 Directions

- 5.1 There are no direct impact on the current Directions of the IJB.

6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 There are no specific equalities issues arising from this update report.

7 Resource Implications

- 7.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from this report.

8 Risk

- 8.1 The key risks associated with the delivery of services and programmes of work are articulated and monitored by managers and, where appropriate, reflected in the risk register.

9 Involving people

- 9.1 There continues to be ongoing engagement and involvement with key stakeholders across the Partnership to support development and delivery of services.

10 Background Papers

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/ministerial-strategic-group-health-community-care-review-progress-integration-health-social-care-final-report/>

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