

FC95. Amendment to Integration Scheme for Health and Social Care

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services advising of a proposal to amend the Integration Scheme for Health and Social Care which met the requirements of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016. Information was provided on the Health Board's view on the delegation of its function and sought approval for the amendment to the Scheme.

The Integration Scheme (the Scheme) was agreed between the Council and Health Board and subsequently approved by the Scottish Ministers. The Scheme was the core document that established the Integration Joint Board (IJB). It importantly governed the range of functions which were delegated to the IJB by the Council and the Health Board.

The Act, which would come into force in April 2018, caused the delegation of functions to the IJB to be reconsidered. The group of functions which were required to be delegated to the IJB were set out in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2014. The mandatory list was expanded to include functions under the Act. At its 6 December 2017 meeting Council agreed that it was not appropriate to delegate the function in relation to young carers' statements to the IJB. This view was also taken by the Health Board at its meeting of 30 January 2018. It further agreed, as the Council had, to delegate preparation of the local carers' strategy to the IJB.

Decision

Council agreed that the Integration Scheme be amended to reflect the agreed delegation of functions under the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.