

Agenda Item 11

Review of Integration Scheme



Falkirk Integration Joint Board

20 November 2020

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For Noting

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report reminds the Board of the requirement to review the Integration Scheme on a five yearly basis. It advises of the failure make much progress with the review and acknowledges that the work will need to be undertaken in 2021, emphasising the importance of making progress with a risk sharing agreement.

2. Recommendation

The Board is asked to:

- 2.1 note the contents of this report

3. Background

- 3.1 The Integration Scheme that forms the basis for the Integration Joint Board was agreed between the Council and the Health Board and approved by the Scottish Ministers in 2015. There is a requirement in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act to review the scheme each five yearly period. That requirement rests with the Council and the Health Board. A review requires consideration of any changes needed to the scheme and must also involve consultation.
- 3.2 As well as a requirement in the legislation, a review will be valuable to consider whether the scheme meets the needs of the Board and the partnership in light five years of experience of operating within its framework. A review of this kind requires a significant investment of time at a senior level from the Council, Health Board and within the partnership. Because of the pandemic it has not been possible to free up the time required to undertake this work thus far and it is unlikely that this will change until next year.
- 3.3 Although the full statutory review cannot be undertaken at present, some of the preparatory work can be undertaken and where discussions can take place between the parties, for instance in relation to the risk sharing agreement, these should proceed. Any agreement resulting from the discussions can form one of the building blocks of the new scheme.

Resource Implications

No resource implications arise.

Impact on IJB Outcomes and Priorities

The reviewed scheme will support the achievement of the outcomes and priorities.

Directions

A direction is not appropriate in relation to the review.

Legal & Risk Implications

The failure to meet the statutory timescale for the review does not of itself give rise to legal consequences in that the scheme will remain in force..

Consultation

No consultation has taken place.

Equalities Assessment

No equalities issues arise.

4. Report Author

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5. List of Background Papers

None relied on.