

## **IJB55. Chief Officer Report**

The Integration Joint Board considered a report by the Chief Officer which provided an update on developments within Partnership. The report also provided an update on the Covid-19 pandemic response.

The Board had agreed since March 2020 to delegate authority to the Chief Officer to deal with urgent business, which would normally be determined by the Board, during the period of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Chair and Vice-chair met fortnightly with the Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer. An update on the use of delegated authority and a summary of all decisions taken by the Chief Officer was presented in an appendix to the report.

It was anticipated that there may need to be a Special meeting of the IJB given the need to co-ordinate with the meetings of the NHS FV Board and Clackmannanshire and Stirling IJB for the necessary approvals for the transfer of operational management of IJB functions including primary care and mental health services.

The Scottish Government issued Interim Workforce Plan 2021 – 22 templates on 3 February to be completed by 30 April 2021. The timescale had been amended in recognition of the impact of the covid-19 response. All Partnerships were required to submit 3-year Workforce Plans by 31 March 2022. These would be effective from 1 April 2022. Work had commenced on the development of the interim and 3 year plans. The Board was invited to delegate authority to the Chief Officer to submit the Interim Workforce Plan in line with the timescales, with a report presented to the next meeting.

The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 required Local Authorities and Health Boards to review their Integration Schemes before the expiry date, which was five years after the scheme was approved in Parliament. A short-life working group was being established to start the work to review the scheme.

The Board and its committees had met remotely during the national lockdown. It was felt to be prudent to review the Board's Standing Orders to assess whether they adequately provided for remote working. Officers would also take the opportunity to review the document more generally. Any changes would be brought to the Board in June.

The IJB submitted its initial self-evaluation response to the Ministerial Strategic Group on 15 May 2019 and its improvement plan by 23 August 2019. It was the MSG's intention to request that partners repeated the process towards the end of the 12-month period, however this timeframe coincided with the Covid-19 pandemic. Given the intent that the primary purpose of self-evaluation was to support useful discussion in the local system, leading to action for improvement and full delivery of integration, it was proposed that further self-evaluation work was completed with the Board.

## **Decision**

### **The Integration Joint Board:-**

- (1) agreed to continue to delegate authority to the Chief Officer, to be reviewed at the Board meeting in June 2021;**
- (2) noted that a more detailed report on the intermediate care facility proposals would be brought forward to the June meeting;**
- (3) agreed to delegate authority to the Chief Officer to submit the Interim Workforce Plan in line with the timescales, with a report presented to the June meeting;**
- (4) noted that a Special meeting of the Board may be required to consider the two reports outlined in section 9.7 of the report;**
- (5) noted that a review of the Standing Orders would be reported to the June meeting, and**
- (6) agreed that further self-evaluation work was completed with the Board.**