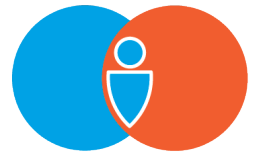


Agenda Item 13

Review of Integration Scheme (first stage consultation)



Falkirk Integration Joint Board

3 September 2021

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For Consideration and Comment

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on progress on the review of the integration scheme, in line with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (the 2014 Act), following on from the last report to the Board on 4 June 2021.

2. Recommendations

The Integration Joint Board is asked to consider and comment on:

- 2.1 the contents of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 Work has commenced on the review of the integration scheme. At its last meeting, the IJB agreed to the first stage consultation on the review of the scheme, in line with the 2014 Act. Three main areas were suggested for review:

- **Governance**
the Council seeks an increase in the number of voting members from 3 to 4.
- **Operational delivery arrangements and the role of the Chief Officer**
the aim is to better describe the position in the scheme and reflect progress made in this area.
- **Finance**
the focus in this section will be on risk sharing but the opportunity will also be taken to provide more clarity in this section generally.

4. Outcome of first stage consultation and next steps

- 4.1 The first stage consultation ran from 15 to 30 June 2021 and was conducted by way of an online survey issued to statutory consultees under the 2014 Act. There were 12 responses.

- 4.2 Eight of the responses agreed that the 3 proposed areas for review were suitable, with 2 responses having no view, and 2 disagreeing. A summary of responses/comments is appended to this report for information.
- 4.3 In view of the broad agreement on the areas for review, focus will remain on the 3 main areas identified (with the opportunity for some general “tidying up” – for example, a valid point was raised in the consultation about updating the complaints and information sharing sections to reflect current legislation).
- 4.4 Once the scheme has been reviewed, it will be presented to the Council and the Health Board for approval. Before submission to the Scottish Ministers for final approval, there will be a second stage consultation with the statutory consultees, in line with the 2014 Act.
- 4.5 This may give rise to consequential changes in the Board’s standing orders in relation to the membership of the Board arising from discussions pursued within the scheme review. In particular, there is consensus that it is not necessary to retain the Council and Health Board chief executives as members.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 The review of the scheme offers an opportunity to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the constituent authorities, the operation of the Board, and the partnership more generally. Consultation is an important part of the review.

Resource Implications

There are none beyond the requirement for officer time in conducting the review.

Impact on IJB Outcomes and Priorities

It is important that the scheme provides a sound framework to allow the Board to deliver on its outcomes and priorities.

Directions

A direction is not appropriate.

Legal & Risk Implications

The review will comply with the requirement in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

Consultation

Second stage consultation will be undertaken on the updated draft scheme, in line with the 2014 Act.

Equalities Assessment

At this stage, none of the proposed changes to the scheme give rise to equality issues.

6. Report Author

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7. List of Background Papers

7.1 n/a

8. Appendices

Appendix 1: Summary of consultation responses

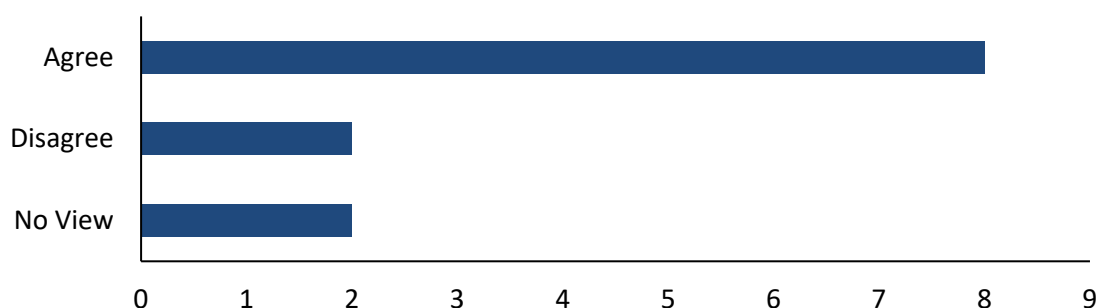
Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership – Review of Integration Scheme

The consultation ran from 15/06/2021 to 30/06/2021

Responses to this survey: **12**

1: Three areas are proposed for review. Are those suitable areas for review?

There were 12 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Agree	8	66.67%
Disagree	2	16.67%
No View	2	16.67%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

2: Are there any other areas of the Scheme which need reviewed?

There were 6 responses to this part of the question.

No
Considerations around the Feeley report and possible proposed changes to the role and remit of IJBs?
Do the complaints section and Information sharing sections need updated to reflect changes in legislation since the original scheme? i.e. GDPR and changes to the SW complaints processes
Substance use and drug harms. We need to increase access to Injection Equipment Provision to ensure that the government target to eliminate Hepatitis C is met. Particularly in areas on the Falkirk boundary – Bo’ness, Denny, Bonnybridge, the Braes. Services to help people with addiction are concentrated in central Falkirk. We have very poor and expensive public transport in these areas and more should be done if we are to tackle the growing menace of drug deaths impacting our communities.
Do not understand what the scheme is
We require an Integration Scheme to work together - this needs to be looked at and we need to work in different ways