

## **IJB60. Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer 2020 – 2021**

The Integration Joint Board considered a report by the Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) which provided an overview of how the statutory responsibilities had been fulfilled during 2020-21. CSWO's were required to submit an annual report in accordance with Scottish Government guidance.

This year, given the workload implications caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Scottish Government had proposed that a much-reduced template was completed to enable Chief Social Work Officers to present shortened reports for local governance structures. This was to ensure local reporting arrangements continued whilst having due regard to current pressures being experienced across the sector.

The report drew particular attention to the ongoing challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic and the impact on activities undertaken by the whole social work and social care system and highlighted the work of staff in continuing to deliver high quality services during the pandemic.

### **Decision**

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

- (1) considered and commented on the contents of the CSWO's Annual Report, and**
- (2) acknowledged the commitment, skills and experience of social work staff in continuing to deliver high quality services during an unprecedented year.**