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# **INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

## **(1/2/2018)**

### **KEY MEETING NOTES**

THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES NAD GALLOWAY SUMMARY

*Working together to put our sector first*  
Dumfries and Galloway's Third Sector Interface

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## POSITION

- The Integration Joint Board met in Stranraer on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018.
- Here TSDG present the key issues discussed, that are seen as particularly relevant or of interest to the third sector. This summary note compliments the summary of papers prepared in advance of the meeting. THIS IS NOT A FORMAL MINUTE.
- The full IJB papers are available [here](#)

## KEY ISSUES

### UPDATE ON IJB WORKFORCE PLAN (UNDER MATTERS ARISING)

The IJB Workforce Plan was approved at the IJB meeting held in November 2017. At that meeting Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway committed to gathering information relating to the third sector workforce and its contribution to health and social care in Dumfries and Galloway. An update was provided on the 1<sup>st</sup> February; Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway has distributed a 'Mapping the Third Sector Workforce' questionnaire to third sector organisations across Dumfries and Galloway, in an attempt to gather information relating to the third sector workforce. A deadline for submissions is 2<sup>nd</sup> March, with analysis taking place during March 2018. A full workforce statement will be prepared thereafter, based on the information gathered. Scottish Care will gather information relating to the Care Home and Care at Home sector (Independent sector).

### CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Given the financial challenges facing social work services it will be important to ensure best use of resources, particularly around early intervention and prevention and to look at different ways of delivering services, including the best use of third sector providers. In relation to SDS (Self Directed Support), the social work service is doing work to promote the benefits and pitfalls of the SDS process and is working with agencies to upskill staff on managing budgets connected to SDS. A further update will be given in 6 months time.

### DEVELOPING NEW 'HOUSING WITH CARE' MODELS FOR PEOPLE WITH PARTICULAR NEEDS

A 'Particular Needs Strategy Group' has been established to allow strategic discussion and decision making in relation to existing and new housing developments, particularly in terms of meeting the changing needs of vulnerable people in respect of housing with care and support. It was recognised that the strategy group provides the opportunity for multi-sector partnership working and showing 'integration' in practice. The role of third sector housing providers was recognised, particularly in terms of new technology, innovation and accessing funding. A commitment has been made to review the membership of the Strategy Group to ensure appropriate wider third sector representation, as well as volunteer and care sector representation.

***The Chair reminded officers and members of the IJB of the importance of involving and including the third and independent sectors in service design and review.***

It will be important to ensure that the balance of housing provision is correct for the future; getting the right homes for the right people in the right place for everyone that is aged to hold a lease. It is important to recognise that these are people's homes; housing should be developed to fit people's needs rather than people having to move. It was recognised that third sector housing support services will play an important role in the strategic plan to support people to remain in their own homes.

### **DEVELOPING NEW MODELS OF CARE IN ESK VALLEY**

This work is a partnership between the health and social care partnership and Loreburn Housing. Community engagement work has taken place with communities in the Esk Valley around the development of new models of care, including the establishment of the multi-sector Langholm Reference Group. Under the Local Government Scotland Act, all public authorities (therefore including the IJB) are required to engage with Community Councils when services are reviewed. Assurance was given that all relevant community councils are represented on the Langholm Reference Group.

The site currently identified for development of an 'extra care housing model' is uncertain due to flooding concerns. Efforts are currently focused on how to proceed, which could mean identifying a new site.

### **GP CONTRACT**

During discussions on the new GP contract it was recognised that it will be important to direct patients to the correct professional or service rather than everyone coming through the GP; third sector services could have a role to play in this.

### **REVIEW OF SHORT BREAKS SERVICE**

It was emphasised that NO decision has been made on the future of short breaks service in D&G. The service continues to be delivered and care unaffected. It was emphasized that the planning and implementation of any review must be evidence based and supported and informed by proper public engagement.

### **WINTER PRESSURES**

It was noted that this has been the busiest winter on record for hospital admissions in Dumfries and Galloway. The IJB formally extend their thanks to all hospital staff, GPs, Scottish Ambulance Service, volunteers, care homes and third sector providers (note: the formal minute may also record others).

### **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN WEST OF D&G**

As part of an update on mental health services in the west of the region, specific mention was made to a transforming care project in Wigtownshire that will be based on coproduction to develop an effective, efficient and sustainable service for the area.