



INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

(31/5/2018)

KEY NOTES OF MEETING

THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY SUMMARY

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

POSITION

- The Integration Joint Board met in Twynholm, Kirkcudbright, on Thursday 31st May 2018.
- Here, TSDG present the key issues discussed, focusing on the points seen as particularly relevant or of interest to the third sector. This meeting note compliments the summary of papers prepared in advance of the meeting ([here](#)). THIS IS NOT A FORMAL MINUTE.
- The full IJB papers are available [here](#).

KEY ISSUES

REVIEW OF ACORN HOUSE (UNDER ACTION LIST)

Consultant for the independent review of Acorn House has not yet been appointed; information pack for recruitment was prepared and shared with users and carers for comment.

PRIMARY CARE TRANSFORMATION

Paper set out the summary requirements for the development of the Primary Care Improvement Plan for Dumfries and Galloway. **Third sector bodies** carrying out activities related to the provision of primary care will be consulted in relation to the development of the PCIP.

A working group has been established, with patient representation. There will be a focus on workforce to increase sustainability, address recruitment and retention and decrease risk. Technology enabled care will feature e.g. GP appointments via video conference, medication reviews carried out remotely.

Community Link Workers: although not a priority for year 1 of the plan, assurance was given that priority will be given to CLW thereafter; more detail will be presented at a future meeting. A review of community link workers is currently taking place, reporting in November. Information from this review will inform the PCIP for years 2 and 3.

Assurance was given that inequalities will be considered as part of the PCIP; this will be considered both strategically and at locality level. Consideration will be given to the Strategic Needs Assessment and Tackling Poverty work.

THE RIGHT TO ADVOCACY

Advocacy in Dumfries and Galloway has rated well and independent advocacy for adults has been refunded.

Dumfries and Galloway have an Advocacy Plan which is due to end this year. A new plan must be developed and approved by December 2018.

Public drop-in events are planned for end of June, to help inform the development of the plan. Organisations and individuals will have the opportunity to learn more about advocacy. Information on events to follow in due course.

It will be important to ensure that vulnerable and hard to reach groups and individuals are able to access advocacy. Those using statutory services will have access, but wider populations will be more difficult to reach.

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway's Communication Strategy will be used to help promote the work on advocacy.

FINANCE UPDATE

Update on budget presented. Overview of additional payments received for specific pieces of work:

- Mental health in primary and secondary care (£327K in year 1 rising to £1m by year 4)
- Waiting times (budget unconfirmed)
- Primary care improvement fund (GP conditions, transformation, recruitment will increase from £1.363m in year 1 to ~£5m by year 4).
- Alcohol and Drugs Partnership—anticipating a letter in the coming weeks for ADP funding in D&G as part of the additional £20m identified nationally.

IJB PERFORMANCE REPORT

A piece of work is currently underway looking at waiting times for Psychological Services, and how **third sector organisations** can be used to better support those in need of support. This paper will be presented to the IJB Performance and Finance Committee at the end of June.

ORAL HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Following the closure of the Lochside Dental Practice in Dumfries significant community engagement has been taking place to raise awareness of and help improve oral health locally, with a particular focus on school meals, access to healthier food options and toothbrushing. **Third Sector organisations**, have been involved and the Oral Health team are keen to engage with early years groups provided by the third sector. TSDG will facilitate this through Early Years Forum and news bulletin.

The Scottish Government are to introduce a **Community Challenge Fund** to allow **third sector** and community organisations to bid for funding to work in deprived communities and support people to change their oral health behaviours. (January 2019) More information will follow as it becomes available.

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY CARERS STRATEGY (RAISED UNDER AOCB)

The Dumfries and Galloway Carers Strategy was positively recognised at the recent national meeting of the Coalition of Carers. Dumfries and Galloway is recognised as being at the forefront of work with carers.



ANTICIPATORY CARE PLANNING (RAISED UNDER AOCB)

Importance of anticipatory care planning highlighted as part of an attempt to raise awareness more widely.

BED REDUCTIONS IN COTTAGE HOSPITALS (RAISED UNDER AOCB)

Recent reductions in bed numbers at Moffat and Newton Stewart Hospitals. It was emphasised that these are **temporary** measures made after very careful consideration, and are based on unexpected staffing shortages which could result in increased risk to patients and decrease quality of care.

