



## **Clinical and Adult Social Work Governance Committee Report to Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board (IJB)**

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### **Purpose of Report**

This report updates the Aberdeenshire IJB on the reconvening of the committee and key issues arising from the Committee meeting on **17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. Please find meeting agenda in Appendix A.

### **Recommendations**

The Board is asked to note the following key points and assurances from the Committee in relation to governance matters.

### **Meeting Minute of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

The minutes were approved for accuracy at the committee meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

### **Urgent Additional Item – GOPES Level 4**

Alex Pirrie, Partnership Manager (Central), Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP), briefed the committee on the sustained pressure within the Partnership and its services which have been at GOPES Level 4 for an unprecedented length of time. The timing of the briefing was in line with the escalation process which had been agreed by the IJB in early 2022. The purpose of the briefing was to assure the Committee of the work being done by officers and staff. The Committee agreed for the issue to be escalated to the Chair and Vice Chair of the IJB which subsequently lead to a further urgent item also being tabled at the Special IJB meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, there continued to be pressures across several teams, but a number of areas were looking better and there was improved flow across the system with 10 general admission beds available in Community Hospitals. Therefore, the senior manager on-call for the AHSCP, in discussion with other members of the Senior Management Team at the Daily Situation Update meeting, agreed that the AHSCP had moved to G-OPES Level 3.

### **Risk Management Report**

Lynn Boyd, AHSCP Programme Manager presented a report which explained the changes which were made to the Risk Management process, in response to the feedback at the last CASWG Committee meeting. The Committee welcomed these changes, and were sufficiently assured with the report and its contents.



## **Health & Safety Report**

Lynn Boyd, AHSCP Programme Manager presented the report which had been prepared by Paul Gleisner, AHSCP Health & Safety Advisor. The intention to reduce risk as far as reasonably practicable, and discussed the challenges of working with different systems and process across the various organisations who manage buildings and/or employ staff. The Committee were sufficiently assured with the report and its contents.

## **Care at Home & Community Oversight Group**

Sonia Elrick, AHSCP Acting Location Manager (North) presented the briefing to the committee and responded to questions.

The committee discussed the briefing and discussed the opportunities to recruit in different ways including apprenticeships. An agreed action was to investigate the number of staff on zero hours contracts due to the perception that these are less attractive to would-be applicants, particularly during the cost of living crisis.

## **Care Home Clinical & Care – Professional Oversight Group**

Mhairi Roper, AHSCP Social Care Contracts Manager - Procurement, presented the briefing to the committee and responded to questions from members. The committee were appreciative of the briefing and acknowledged the ongoing work to both support and scrutinize Care Homes and Very Sheltered Housing providers across Aberdeenshire.

## **Mental Health & Learning Disability Clinical Governance Group**

Vicky Henderson, AHSCP MH/LD Service Manager (Central), presented the briefing to the committee and responded to questions. The committee acknowledged the work being done on Adverse Events and how to learn from those which occur not only in Aberdeenshire but elsewhere across the country.

## **Primary Care Oversight Group**

Alex Pirrie, AHSCP Strategy and Transformation Manager, presented the briefing to the committee and responded to questions, on behalf of Rachel Taylor, AHSCP Clinical Lead for Primary Care (North Aberdeenshire). The committee discussed the challenges which sometimes affect the relationship and communication between Primary Care providers and their patients. The committee were assured about the work being done to support and improve this.

**Steven Lindsay**

**Chair – Clinical and Adult Social Work Governance Committee**



14<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Appendix A – CASWG Committee agenda

**Clinical Adult Social Work Governance Committee  
CASWG  
to be held on Friday 17 March 2023  
Microsoft Teams Meeting 2:00pm – 4:00pm**

**A G E N D A**

1.	<b>Welcome / Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>
2.	<b>Minute Approval</b>
3.	<b>Urgent Additional Item – GOPES Level 4 – Alex Pirrie</b>
	<b>Reports</b>
4.	<b>Risk Management Report – Lynn Boyd</b>
5.	<b>Health &amp; Safety Report – Lynn Boyd</b>
	<b>Briefings</b>
6.	<b>Care at Home Oversight Group Briefing – Sonia Elrick</b>
7.	<b>Care Home Clinical &amp; Care – Professional Oversight Group Briefing – Mhairi Roper</b>
8.	<b>Mental Health &amp; Learning Disability Governance Group Briefing – Vicky Henderson</b>
9.	<b>Primary Care Oversight Group Briefing – Alex Pirrie</b>
10.	<b>AOCB</b>

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 2-4pm  
Microsoft Teams Meeting**