

REPORT TO ABERDEENSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD 23 AUGUST 2023

ABERDEENSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - ASSISTED TRANSPORT POLICY

1 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board (IJB):

- 1.1 Note the updated Adult Social Work Assisted Transport Policy which has been reviewed in 2023 following approval in 2017.

2 Directions

- 2.1 No direction requires to be issued to Aberdeenshire Council or NHS Grampian as a result of this report.

3 Risk

- 3.1 This links to IJB risks 1589 Risk of Failure to deliver standards of care expected by the people of Aberdeenshire and 2389 Service/business alignment with current and future needs.

4 Background

- 4.1 The Assisted Transport Policy, outlining supported assisted travel to and from social care provision, was approved by the Integration Joint Board in 2017. The recent Aberdeenshire Council Audit 22103 dRep2226 – Social Care Transport Audit recommended that the Social Care Transport Policy be reviewed and shared with the Integration Joint Board.

5 Summary

- 5.1 This report highlights that the Assisted Transport Policy 2017 was reviewed in light of the Audit mentioned at 4.1 above. Very minor typographical changes were made otherwise the policy was deemed still sound.
- 5.2 It should be noted that the Council's Passenger Transport Strategy, and associated Passenger Transport Policy Statement, is scheduled for review in the coming year under the direction of the Passenger Transport Network Review Member Officer Working Group. The HSCP's Assisted Transport Policy will be shared as part of this review.
- 5.3 All other actions identified as part of the Social Care Transport Audit have all been actioned and closed.

- 5.4 A HSCP Travel and Transport Action Plan has been prepared following consultation and is being implemented reflecting both staff and patient/service user travel and transport challenges and sustainability. Actions within the Social Care Transport Audit are reflected within the Plan. Representatives of NESTRANs and THinC are on the implementation group to ensure links with the wider transport agenda.
- 5.5 The Chief Officer, along with the Chief Finance Officer and the Legal Monitoring Officers within Business Services of the Council have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments have been incorporated within the report.

6 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no additional equality, staff or financial implications.

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List Appendices:

Appendix 1 HSCP Assisted Transport Policy – update 2023