



**Clinical and Adult Social Work Governance (CASWG) Committee**  
**Report to Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board (IJB)**  
**11 October, 2023**

**Purpose of Report**

This report updates the Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board on the reconvening of the Committee and key issues arising from the committee meeting on **22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**. Please find meeting agenda in Appendix A.

**Recommendations**

The Board is advised to note the following key points and, in particular, the areas of concern from the Committee in relation to governance matters.

**Meeting Minute of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

The Minutes were approved for accuracy at the Committee meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023.

**G-OPES Revised Process Report**

Alex Pirrie (Interim Partnership Manager Central) presented the report, which proposed a revised G-OPES assurance framework. The proposed revision was to provide a robust pathway for monitoring and reporting instances of when the system remained at G-OPES Level 4 for over 4 weeks. The proposed revision would now cover a period of 3 months and would ultimately ensure CASWG Committee members are involved and informed about extended Level 4 periods, allowing them to carry out their duties and provide assurance to the IJB.

The Committee agreed, with minor amendments to:

- Consider and approve the revised version of the G-OPES assurance framework which provides a robust mechanism for monitoring the levels of pressure on the Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care system and a clear pathway for escalation.
- Agree that the Committee are sufficiently assured that Officers are taking the steps laid out in the 'Risk Management' section to mitigate the risk as far as reasonably practicable.



## **Primary Care Oversight Group Report**

The report was presented by Moira Duncan (Primary Care Manager). The Committee discussed some of the challenges being faced. After much debate, the Committee recognised that, for many of the same reasons as that common to all services, we are unable to deliver all the services tasked. This has been highlighted to the Scottish Government on the 6-monthly trackers.

- The Committee acknowledged the Primary Care Oversight Group's role.
- However, the Committee is concerned that the risks identified are substantially out with the Officers control to such an extent that they remain unmitigated.

## **Clinical and Professional Oversight Group for Care@Home Report**

Sonia Elrick (Interim Location Manager for North Aberdeenshire) presented the report. The report highlighted the challenges of recruiting carers, but Officers are taking steps to overcome this by attending large footfall events, which have proved some success. The report also highlighted how Care Management teams are assessing service users and trying to source care for new referrals.

After discussion, the Committee agreed:

- To note and consider the identified risks currently impacting on the Care@Home service and the work being undertaken to support the service
- That the Committee are sufficiently assured that Officers are taking the steps laid out in the 'Risk Management' section to mitigate the risks as far as reasonably practicable
- The Committee wishes feedback at the next CASWGC meeting on boundaries on the scope of Community Health and to provide assurance on same.

## **Collaborative Care Home Support Team Report**

The report was presented by Mhairi Roper (Location Manager/Care Home Strategic Lead. An extensive discussion was held regarding the deepening financial crisis impacting care homes in Aberdeenshire, as well as capacity issues in care home places.

After discussion the Committee agreed:

- Providing consideration is given to where the capacity risk is identified, to acknowledge the risks that have been identified by the CCHST with care homes and very sheltered housing complexes across Aberdeenshire.



- The Committee are concerned that the risks identified are outwith the control of Officers to such an extent that they remain unmitigated.

### **Risk Register Report**

This report was carried over to the next meeting.

### **Whistleblowing Annual Report 2022-2023**

The report was presented by Alex Pirrie (Interim Partnership Manager Central).  
After discussion the Committee agreed to:

- Note the contents of the report which provides a summary of whistleblowing activity for 2022-2023 across HSCP services
  
- That the Committee was assured that Officers are taking the steps laid out in the 'Risk Management' section to mitigate the risk as far as reasonably practicable.

The date of the next CASWG meeting is **14th December 2023**.

Angie Mutch

**Vice-Chair – Clinical and Social Work Governance Committee**

Appendix A – CASWG Committee Agenda 22 September 2023