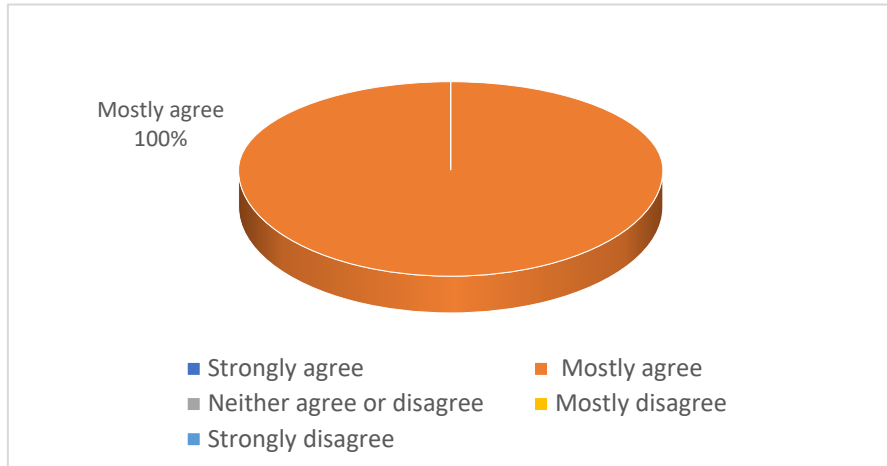


Appendix 1 - Health & Social Care Strategic Planning & Performance Reporting Statutory Guidance – Consultation Responses

Strategic Plans: Statutory Guidance

1) Do you agree that presenting supporting information in boxes throughout the guidance is a useful structure?

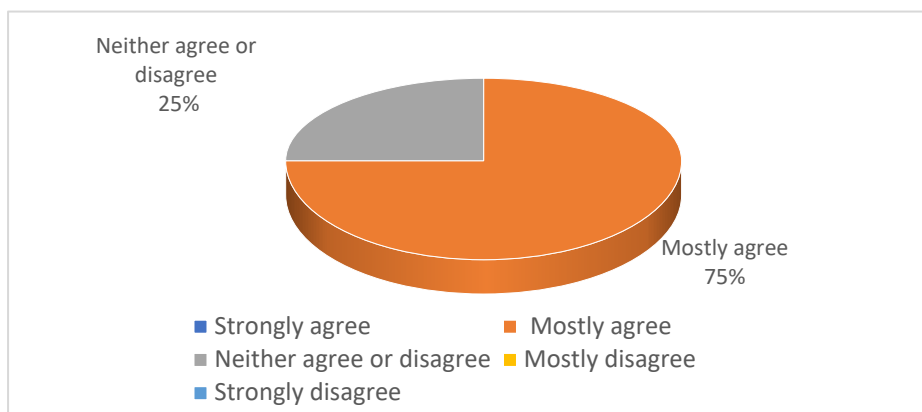


2) If you have any further thoughts or suggestions on how the structure of the guidance can be improved, please tell us.

It was felt that the structure of the document is easy to follow, but that a proportion of the information in the body of the document is also included in Appendix A and removal of any duplication would further improve the guidance.

Additionally, it is suggested that the information on 'Accessibility' whilst is very important could be part of Annex C which could be classed as an 'Advice & checklist' section.

3) Do you agree that there is an appropriate balance between information summarising the relevant statutory requirements in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and wider information to support integration authorities meet these requirements?



4) If you do not think that the balance of information in the guidance is appropriate, please tell us here what changes you would recommend and why.

There was a consensus that the guidance highlights the significant scale and complexity of the wider policy environment for integration authorities and the variety of strategic plans, guidance, good practice and planning processes it must give cognizance to in preparing its strategic plan. It is important to acknowledge the skills, resources and capacity realistically required to enable any integration authority to effectively meet all of these requirements and considerations in a meaningful way when undertaking needs assessment, engagement, analysis and preparation of such a significant document, balanced against the requirement to meet and respond to ongoing significant system pressures and demands.

The inclusion of the requirements for membership of Strategic Planning Groups as set out in the legislation is noted and it is welcomed that the guidance acknowledges the benefits of using innovation in terms of how we support lived experience in the work of the HSCP and supporting different routes to engagement to ensure this is as meaningful as possible. Aberdeenshire HSCP has also adapted the Carers Collaborative template expenses policy for use by our stakeholder representatives on the IJB and associated groups/committees however it is important to recognise the wider barriers to engagement which may prevent or inhibit people with lived experience from participation. We would welcome further sharing of innovative experience and good practice in how engagement can be supported.

5) If you have any suggestions on information that can be improved or is potentially missing from the guidance, please tell us here.

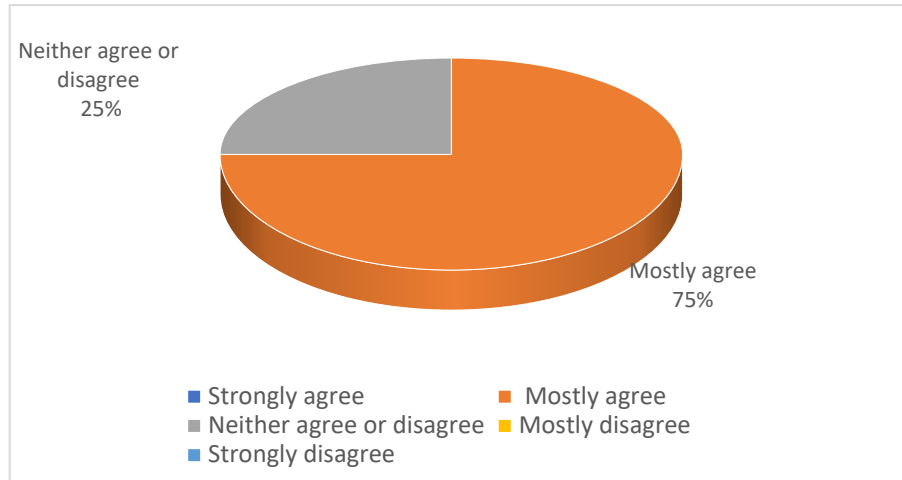
No comment.

6) If there is anything else you'd like to feedback about the guidance, please tell us here.

The last guidance will be 8-9 years old when this new guidance is published. It was felt that if the revised guidance is to have a similar life span it would be helpful if it is designed in a way that a light touch update could be carried out every 2 to 3 years so that any links to updated information or new legislation which support the Strategic Planning could be added.

Performance Reporting: Statutory Guidance

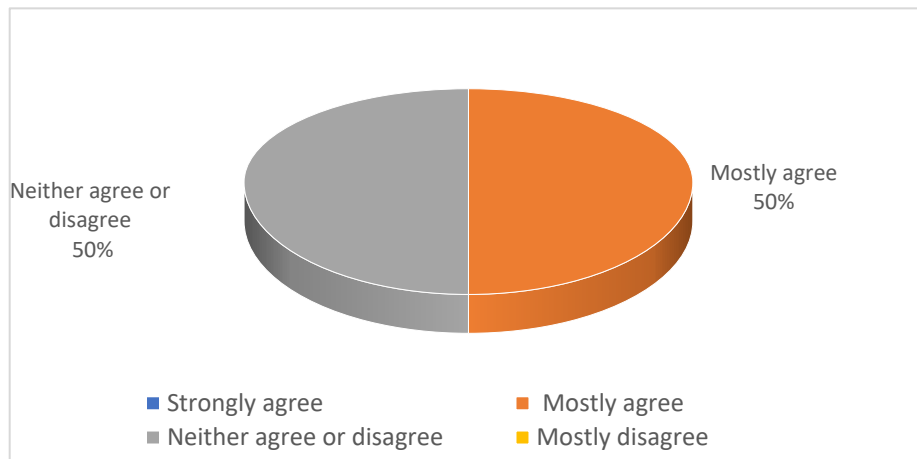
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No comment.

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No comment.

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HSCPs work in a complicated approach to performance reporting where there are requirements to report as an organisation and through the local NHS Board and local authority. It would be beneficial to have a more efficient streamlined approach rather than meeting the requirements of all which is very demanding in a time with limited resources.

Aberdeenshire HSCP has been fortunate to have access to the expertise of our local NHS Health Intelligence and Council Information teams, as well as benefiting from the skills and resources of the PHS LIST team. It is important to acknowledge the skills, resources and capacity required to enable any integration authority to effectively meet all of its performance reporting requirements and considerations in a meaningful and sustained way, balanced against the requirement to meet and respond to ongoing significant system pressures and demands.

12) If there is anything else you'd like to feedback about the guidance, please tell us here.

The addition of the checklist to help provide guidance on what should be included as the skeleton of the performance report is welcomed.

The requirement for performance reports to include a description of arrangements made in relation to 'consulting and involving localities' and 'an assessment of how these arrangements have contributed to the provision of services' would benefit from further expansion and clarity as to expectations and requirements. Aberdeenshire HSCP's model for service delivery has been built on a locality needs-led model and moving forward we will be seeking to work in an increasingly collaborative and integrated way with our Council and wider partners in the development of a Place based strategy approach. It would be helpful to have clarification that the statutory guidance allows flexibility for integration authorities to provide detail on the impact of such approaches in its evidence of how it has consulted and involved localities and its impact on the provision of services as we work through this evolving model.

There are currently fundamental challenges in the publication of annual performance reports within the timeline set by the Public Bodies Act legislation (end of July) whereby financial year data for the Core Integration Suite of Indicators is not available for publication by this deadline requiring the use of calendar year data as per Public Health Scotland guidance. It is recognized that this consultation covers only the statutory guidance and cannot impact any changes to the legislation, however this is considered a key issue requiring consideration in terms of supporting the timeliness and consistency of annual performance reporting for integration authorities moving forward.