

The Highland Council

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Highland Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Scheme

Report by Chief Executive

SUMMARY

This report introduces the Highland Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Scheme, required by Scottish Ministers in accordance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

1 Background

- 1.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 came into force in April 2015 with the repealing of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002
- 1.2 Although the Highland Partnership adopted an integrated model of care delivery in 2012 under the 2002 Act, the partners are required to meet the various requirements of the new legislation.
- 1.3 One of the main requirements has been the development of an Integration Scheme and this has been developed by the Highland Council / NHS Highland Informal Strategic Commissioning Group.

2 The Highland Partnership Integration Scheme

- 2.1 An early draft of the integration Scheme was presented to the Council in March 2015, where it was agreed that any necessary final changes would be delegated to the Chief Executives of Highland Council and NHS Highland.
- 2.2 Following initial submission to Scottish Government, a number of changes were requested, as has been the case with other Partnerships, and the draft scheme was resubmitted in June 2015. This is attached.
- 2.3 On June 25th, a letter was received from the Head of Integration Partnerships in the Scottish Government, confirming that the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport had approved the Highland Integration Scheme.
- 2.4 The Highland lead agency arrangement is now formally constituted as per the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

- 2.5 The March 2015 meeting of the Council also agreed to a review of governance arrangements for health and social care with NHS Highland. This has been progressing, and will be the subject of further reports to the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are invited to approve the Integration Scheme for the Highland Partnership, as defined in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

Designation: Chief Executive

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