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**Report To:** Inverclyde Integration Joint Board      **Date:** 20 July 2022

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**Subject:** National Care Service Update

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to update the Integration Joint Board on the recent publication of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill and to request delegated authority to the Interim Chief Officer to compile a suitable response.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 On the 20 June 2022 the Scottish Government introduced the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill to the Scottish Parliament proposing the creation of a new National Care Service.
- 2.2 As part of the the Bill's progress, the Scottish Parliament's Health, Social Care and Sport Committee has published a Call for Views on the terms of the Bill. Both the Call for Views and the *Your Priorities* digital consultation will close on Friday 2 September.
- 2.3 The Interim Chief Officer requires delegated authority to compile a suitable response on this latest consultation on behalf of Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That the IJB notes the latest update in relation to the establishment of the National Care Service.
- 3.2 That the IJB grants delegated authority to the Interim Chief Officer to submit a response to the Scottish Parliament's Call for Views on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill on behalf of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board by 2 September 2022.

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Scottish Government undertook a public consultation on its proposals for a National Care Service (NCS) to achieve changes to the system of community health and social care in Scotland. The full response to the consultation was published here [www.gov.scot/publications/national-care-service-consultation-analysis-responses/](http://www.gov.scot/publications/national-care-service-consultation-analysis-responses/)
- 4.2 On the 20 June 2022 the Scottish Government introduced the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill to the Scottish Parliament, proposing the creation of a new National Care Service. The Bill allows Scottish Ministers to transfer social care responsibility from local authorities to a new, national service. This could include adult and children's services, as well as areas such as justice social work. Scottish Ministers will also be able to transfer healthcare functions from the NHS to the proposed National Care Service. Care or health services transferred to the new service could be delivered nationally or locally. The Bill proposes that new bodies called "care boards" would be responsible for delivering care locally.
- 4.3 As well as proposing to establish a National Care Service, the Bill makes other changes including:
- allowing information to be shared by the proposed National Care Service and the NHS
  - introducing a right to breaks for carers
  - giving rights to people living in adult care homes to see the people important to them (known as "Anne's Law")
- 4.4 The Bill requires further public consultation to be held and the results to be laid before Parliament alongside any regulations prior to any potential transfer of children's services and justice social work services. This recognises that those areas were not specifically examined by the Independent Review of Adult Social Care.
- 4.5 There are two options for those wishing to participate in this public consultation
1. **Call for Views**-This includes general questions about the Bill, questions about the Financial Memorandum and the option to provide more detailed comments on individual sections of the Bill. It is primarily aimed at groups and organisations who are looking to input their views on the Bill. A direct weblink to the call for views is available here:<https://yourviews.parliament.scot/health/national-care-service-bill>
  2. **Your Priorities digital consultation**-This offers an opportunity to ask questions or to highlight specific hopes or concerns about the Bill. Respondents can also rate specific provisions in the Bill (agree, disagree, don't know) and make brief comments about them. The *Your Priorities* digital consultation offers an opportunity for individual members of the public to give their views about the Bill.
- 4.6 Both the Call for Views and the *Your Priorities* digital consultation will close on Friday 2 September 2022.
- 4.7 The Interim Chief Officer requires delegated authority to compile a suitable response on this latest consultation on behalf of Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

## 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 FINANCE

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs / (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

### LEGAL

5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### HUMAN RESOURCES

5.3 There are no specific human resources implications arising from this report.

### EQUALITIES

5.4 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
x	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

5.4.1 How does this report address our Equality Outcomes?

Equalities Outcome	Implications
People, including individuals from the above protected characteristic groups, can access HSCP services.	None.
Discrimination faced by people covered by the protected characteristics across HSCP services is reduced if not eliminated.	None
People with protected characteristics feel safe within their communities.	None
People with protected characteristics feel included in the planning and developing of services.	None
HSCP staff understand the needs of people with different protected characteristic and promote diversity in the work that they do.	None
Opportunities to support Learning Disability service users experiencing gender based violence are maximised.	None

Positive attitudes towards the resettled refugee community in Inverclyde are promoted.	None
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## CLINICAL OR CARE GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

5.5 There are no clinical or care governance implications arising from this report.

## NATIONAL WELLBEING OUTCOMES

5.6 How does this report support delivery of the National Wellbeing Outcomes?

National Wellbeing Outcome	Implications
People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer.	None
People, including those with disabilities or long term conditions or who are frail are able to live, as far as reasonably practicable, independently and at home or in a homely setting in their community	None
People who use health and social care services have positive experiences of those services, and have their dignity respected.	None
Health and social care services are centred on helping to maintain or improve the quality of life of people who use those services.	None
Health and social care services contribute to reducing health inequalities.	None
People who provide unpaid care are supported to look after their own health and wellbeing, including reducing any negative impact of their caring role on their own health and wellbeing.	None
People using health and social care services are safe from harm.	None
People who work in health and social care services feel engaged with the work they do and are supported to continuously improve the information, support, care and treatment they provide.	None
Resources are used effectively in the provision of health and social care services.	None

## 6.0 DIRECTIONS

6.1

<b>Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both</b>	Direction to:	
	1. No Direction Required	x
	2. Inverclyde Council	
	3. NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde (GG&C)	
	4. Inverclyde Council and NHS GG&C	

## 7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The report has been prepared by the Chief Officer of Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) after due consideration with relevant senior officers in the HSCP.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None.