

The Highland Council
Education, Children and Adult Services Committee
27 August 2015

Agenda Item	20.
Report No	ECAS 66/15

District Partnerships

Report by the Director of Care and Learning

Summary

This report provides information to members regarding the matters currently being discussed at District Partnerships.

1. Background

- 1.1 District Partnerships were established by Highland Council in December 2011, as part of the process of implementation of the lead agency arrangements. It was agreed that the matters discussed at District Partnerships would be discussed regularly at the strategic committees of NHS Highland and Highland Council.
- 1.2 Locality planning, on the District Partnership model, has now been established for all Scottish health and care partnerships, within the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act.
- 1.3 Highland Council and Highland's Community Planning Partnership have considered building on the District Partnership, to discuss local community planning issues. This has been discussed with all of the Partnerships over the last year, and it is likely that changes will be effected to local boundaries and local processes, as a consequence of these various discussions.

2. District Partnerships

- 2.1 During the period from September 2014 –February 2015, there were a number of common themes discussed at the various District Partnerships:
 - Integrated family teams
 - RCOP funding
 - Childcare & Family Resource partnerships/services
 - Discussion – District partnerships
 - Community Planning
 - Adult social care initiatives
 - Public access defibrillators
 - Health inequalities
- 2.2 Summaries of local issues have been provided by each of the District Partnership Chairs and are attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 2.3 The next period will cover March – August 2015.

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Resource implications** – resource issues are addressed within existing budgets.

- 3.2 As evident from the summary reports, there is local discussion of issues with **rural, Gaelic** and **equalities** implications.
- 3.3 There are no **legal, risk** or **climate change/carbon clever** implications.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are asked to note and comment on the issues raised in this report.

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Date: 17 August 2015

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Appendix 1

District	<i>Badenoch & Strathspey, Nairn and Ardersier</i>				
Reporting period	<i>1st September 2014 – 28th February 2015 inclusive</i>	Number of meetings held during this period		2	
		Dates held		<i>25/9/14 05/2/15</i>	
Key issues & themes discussed	<p>25/9/14</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Care at home overview 2. Recovery support – substance abuse (lack of community based recovery support in Badenoch & Strathspey) 3. Health and Social Care provision – consultation process in Badenoch & Strathspey (new hospital provision) 4. Citizens Online Project – presentation on project 5. Caberfeidh Horizons – presentation on the organisation, range of services provided and planned future development <p>05/2/15</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Director of Care and Learning. District Partnerships, Community Development and Community Planning 2. Overview of Adult Social Care Initiatives (Director of Adult Social Care) 3. Change and Improvement Plan for Nairn, Ardersier, Badenoch & Strathspey 4. Family Team developments 				
Outcomes achieved during reporting period	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From 25/9/15 meeting, Director of Care and Learning invited to the DP. Good, led discussion following overview. 2. Key local projects such as Caberfeidh Horizons highlighted 3. Local reporting/accounting on issues of concern such as Care at Home provision, delayed discharges and Recovery Support 4. Agreement to strengthen emergency planning links through the Emergency Liaison Group structure 				
Issues escalated to Highland Council and/or NHS governance committee(s) for action/response	Key points from led discussion on District Partnerships at DP meeting held on 5/2/15 to feed into current review of community planning review.				
Report approved by	Jaci Douglas	Designation	Chair	Date	15/5/15

District	Caithness			
Reporting period	1 st September 2014 – 28 th February 2015 inclusive	Number of meetings held during this period	2	
		Dates held	31.10.14 30.01.15	
Key issues & themes discussed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family Team implementation. 2. Family Team staff accommodation. 3. Public Access Defibs. (PAD's) 4. Maternity Unit. 5. Caithness General Hospital update 6. Children's Care Partnership 7. Adult Social Care Initiatives 8. District Partnerships, Community Development and Community Planning. 			
Outcomes achieved during reporting period	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A number of Community Councils applying to purchase PAD's 2. Public concerns/fears over service provision in Thurso being withdrawn were allayed. 			
Issues escalated to Highland Council and/or NHS governance committee(s) for action/response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - - 			
Report approved by	Bill Fernie	Designation	Partnership Chair	Date 01/04/2015

District	East Ross				
Reporting period	<i>1st March 2014 – 31st August 2014</i>	Number of meetings held during this period	2		
		Dates held	7/3/14 30/5/14		
Key issues & themes discussed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work placements 2. Highland Parenting Framework and Local Childcare Partnerships 3. Early Years Collaborative 4. Pre School Entitlement 5. Keep Well 6. Highland Hospice – service provided and refurb. of Inverness Centre 7. East Ross Health Profile 				
Outcomes achieved during reporting period	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3rd Work placement project developed 2. Childcare Partnership Established 3. Partners engaged in developing E Ross Jobs Fair (event held on 2 Oct) 4. Partners engaged with community focus (inc Keep Well, RCOP) 				
Issues escalated to Highland Council and/or NHS governance committee(s) for action/response	- - -				
Report approved by	Alasdair Lawton	Designation	Partnership Chair	Date	12 Jan 2015

District	Inverness East				
Reporting period	1st September 2014 to 28th February 2015	Number of meetings held during this period			1
		Dates held			28.11
Key issues & themes discussed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dementia Friendly Communities 2. Access to Play 3. Family Teams 4. District Health Profiles 5. AED Defibrillators 				
Outcomes achieved during reporting period	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NHS Highland has obtained funding for Dementia Friendly Communities. 2. Partners discussed controlled access to play facilities within school grounds and noted that the Play Improvement Group is to conduct a pilot project for community access to school grounds outside school hours. 3. Transition was identified as a key area where there was an opportunity to ensure that vulnerable children do not become vulnerable adults. 4. The potential risk of failing to retain posts in high priority areas if staff were only dealing with very difficult cases was raised. The Children Services Manager agreed to review the mix of casework across Datazones to reduce the risk of health visitors leaving the service. The Adult Services Manager agreed to convene a sub-group to further explore how service delivery should be influence by the Health Profile. 5. Scottish Ambulance Service convened a meeting to progress the mapping of current locations of devices ahead of publicising the initiative to extend the network to provide strategic cover. 				
Issues escalated to Highland Council and/or NHS governance committee(s) for action/response	<i>None</i>				
Report approved by	Ken Gowans & Ian Brown	Designation	Partnership Chair/ Meeting Chair	Date	8.5.15

District	<i>Inverness West</i>				
Reporting period	<i>1st September 2014 – 28th February 2015</i>	Number of meetings held during this period			2
		Dates held			19/09/14 19/12/14
Key issues & themes discussed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discharge planning 2. Care Homes and care at Home updates 3. Performance indicators 4. Health inequalities 5. Employability 6. Integrated family teams 7. Early years collaborative 8. Community planning – what's coming 9. For Highland Children's 4 10. Change and Improvement Plan 11. Support for Carers 12. Allied Health Professionals Teams 13. Old Age CPN and Psychiatry 				
Outcomes achieved during reporting period	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New admission and discharge policy circulated 2. Development workers now networking 3. Improved discharge times 4. Close monitoring and regular updates of home care provision 5. Performance monitoring at district level being developed 				
Issues escalated to Highland Council and/or NHS governance committee(s) for action/response	- None at committee level, although various issues have been followed up with relevant local managers				
Report approved by	Adam Palmer Cllr Mgt Davidson	Designation	Partnership Co-Chairs	Date	7/5/15

District	Lochaber				
Reporting period	1 st September 2014 – 28 th February 2015 inclusive	Number of meetings held during this period	2		
		Dates held	28.10.14 27.1.15		
Key issues & themes discussed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lochaber Community Plan – setting and monitoring of health priorities 2. Loss of funding RCOP community fund initiative 3. Community health co-ordinator, update on action being taken to reduce health inequalities 4. MacIntosh centre and Invernevis House updates 6. Childcare & Family resource partnership 7. Mental health services for young people 8. Adapting for change project 9. Position update – New Belford hospital 10. Staffing structures – Care & Learning service 				
Outcomes achieved during reporting period	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Healthier' section of community plan finalised. Agreed status updates to be reported to DP meetings. 2. Reference group established by Health inequalities co-ordinator 3. New Belford Hospital steering group established by NHSH 				
Issues escalated to Highland Council and/or NHS governance committee(s) for action/response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MacIntosh centre position (NHSH Board) - New Belford (NHSH Board) - Health inequalities (NHSH Board) 				
Report approved by	Cllr Bren Gormley & Michael Foxley	Designation	Joint Chairs	Date	30.4.15

District	<i>Mid Ross</i>				
Reporting period	1 st September 2014 – 28 th February 2015 inclusive	Number of meetings held during this period			One
		Dates held			6 Feb
Key issues & themes discussed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress on Integration 2. Benefits of co-location of Health & Social Care at Ross Memorial Hospital 3. Public Health Statistics 4. Health Inequalities 5. Adult Social Care 6. District Partnerships and the Community Empowerment Bill 				
Outcomes achieved during reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved cohesion between partners • Shared understanding of impact of inequality on health, education, and childcare. 				
Issues escalated to Highland Council and/or NHS governance committee(s) for action/response	None				
Report approved by	Sarah Wedgwood	Designation	Partnership Chair	Date	June 2015

District	<i>Skye, Lochalsh, Wester Ross and Assynt</i>				
Reporting period	<i>1st September 2014 – 28th February 2015</i>	Number of meetings held during this period		2	
		Dates held		<i>10/11/14 09/02/15</i>	
Key issues & themes discussed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respite Care & Care at Home. 2. Living It Up 3. SAS Patient Transport Improvement Plan – Skye, Lochalsh & Lochcarron. 4. Sheltered Accommodation Wester Ross. 5. Lets Get On With It 6. Adult Care Updates. 7. Children and Family Updates, including new organisational structure. 				
Outcomes achieved during reporting period	1. SAS completed a 6 month improvement plan for patient transport in Skye, Lochalsh and Lochcarron and based on success of a reduction in the cancelation rate from 9.91% to 1.72% have an additional stretcher vehicle permanently based on Skye and availability of relief staff to cover annual leave and absences.				
Issues escalated to Highland Council and/or NHS governance committee(s) for action/response	Ongoing concerns raised with the Director of Adult Social Care regarding Respite Care & Care at Home.				
Report approved by	Myra Duncan	Designation	Partnership Chair	Date	08/05/15

District	<i>Sutherland</i>		
Reporting period	<i>1st September 2014 – 28th February 2015 inclusive</i>	Number of meetings held during this period	2
		Dates held	28/11/14 27/2/15
Key issues & themes discussed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family Team & Recruitment update 2. Budget update 3. SERCO Event in Brora 4. Nuka Conference presentation by NHS Ops Director 5. SAS – Staff recruitment, training & review. Demo on use of Defibrillators. 6. Community Safety 7. Food parcels – Lead Agency CAB 8. RCOP Funding for Elderly 9. Childcare & family support services presentation. 10. Engagement with young people - Regional Invest in Young People Groups around apprenticeships. 11. Transport Consultation Sutherland 12. Village Care 13. Reaching High Event for Sutherland 14. Review of Dental Care Services in Sutherland 15. Agreement with CAB to share stats for Sutherland 16. District Partnership Boundaries 17. Community Safety - Driving Ambitions & Emergency Liaison Groups 		
Outcomes achieved during reporting period	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SERCO event led to multi agency meeting based in Brora. Health Intelligence stats also indicate a range of inequalities issues. Arranged to have community participative events led by partners at wider ward level and pan Sutherland level. Ward level (charrette) identified range of issues and opportunities which are being progressed. 2. Regional Invest in Young People Boards - Lobbying of Scottish Gov. for a dedicated C & S Board as pan-Highland board would be too big and unwieldy. Local board would be more responsive. 3. DP/ Golspie HS actively pursuing vocational training/starting apprenticeships in school. DP coordinated meeting with NHC, GHS, HLH and NHS to examine recruitment, training and employability issues across a variety of sectors esp care and hospitality 4. SAS New Training for First Responder Programme starting in Helmsdale in May. With DP looking at strategy to make Sutherland Defib Friendly. Work is ongoing through working group. 5. Fuel Poverty: specific Sutherland issues raised with HC and agreement to consider setting up of Hardship Fund to help remove barriers to accessing cheaper fuel. Working with partners on remedies. 6. Village Care Community Planning night took place with examples of good community resilience projects organised 		

	<p>7. Sutherland Reaching High Event in Autumn 2015.</p> <p>8. Dental Care Services Review for Sutherland, especially for KLB discussions ongoing.</p> <p>9. Safe Highlander Event being looked at by Police and HLH.</p>				
Issues escalated to Highland Council and/or NHS governance committee(s) for action/response	<p>Unemployment issues E and Central Sutherland.(HC)- vocalional training (HC) Young Drivers (HC) Fuel Poverty (HC)</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>				
Report approved by	Deirdre Mackay	Designation	Chair	Date	19/5/15