

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL/NHS HIGHLAND
JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Highland Council/NHS Highland Joint Monitoring Committee held remotely on Monday 22 August 2022 at 4.30pm.

PRESENT:-

Highland Council

Mr David Fraser (Vice Chair)
Mr Raymond Bremner
Ms Fiona Duncan
Mr Edward Foster
Mr Derek Loudon
Mrs Donna Manson

NHS Highland

Prof Boyd Robertson (Chair)
Dr Tim Allison
Ms Louise Bussell
Ms Heledd Cooper
Mr D Park (substitute)

Staff Representatives

Ms Elspeth Caithness (NHS Highland)

Third Sector, Carer and Service User Representatives

Mr Campbell Mair (Highland Home Carers Limited)
Mr Ian McNamara (Highland Senior Citizen's Network)
Ms Sandra Brown (Inspiring Young Voices)

Officers Present

Mrs Fiona Malcolm, Interim Head of Integration Adult Social Care, Highland Council
Ms Gillian Grant, Interim Head of Commissioning, NHS Highland
Ms Elaine Ward, Deputy Director of Finance, NHS Highland
Mrs Lorraine Dunn, Principal Administrator, Highland Council
Ms Fiona MacBain, Committee Administrator, Highland Council

Prof Boyd Robertson in the Chair

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr A Christie, Ms A Clark, Ms P Dudek, Mr J Gibson, Ms H May and Ms M Wylie.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Exclusion of the Public

The Committee **RESOLVED** that, under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 & 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4. Independent Sector Care Home Sustainability

There had been circulated to members of the Committee only Confidential Joint Report No. JMC/14/22 by the Chief Executives of NHS Highland and Highland Council.

Following detailed discussion, the Committee:

- i. **AGREED** the recommendations as set out in the report and for a communications strategy to be developed;
- ii. **AGREED** that a robust response be prepared to the Minister's letter dated 11 August 2022 addressing the misconceptions and to include reference to the challenges with developing a strategic plan without clarity of the National Care Strategy;
- iii. **AGREED** that further information be provided on the timescale in respect of the development of the strategic plan;
- iv. **NOTED** that the Highland Council and NHS Highland Chief Executives would be attending a meeting with the Permanent Secretary and senior civil servants and **AGREED** that they make representations at this meeting on the significant challenges being faced, service user and carer views (a separate meeting to be held with third sector representatives in order to ascertain their feedback) and the impact of the increasing energy costs;
- v. **NOTED** the need for Highland Council and NHS Highland to establish a formalised position of joint financial risk;
- vi. **NOTED** that a response would be pursued from the Western Isles Council regarding care home sustainability; and
- vii. **NOTED** the need for further special meetings to be scheduled.

The meeting ended at 5.15pm.