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Report No	<b>JMC/21/23</b>

**Committee:** Joint Monitoring Committee

**Date:** 27 September 2023

**Report Title:** Integrated Adult Services  
Strategic Plan and Strategic Planning Group Update Report

**Report By:** Highland Council Executive Chief Officer – Health and Social Care and NHH Chief Officer

**1. Purpose/Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the development of the Strategic Plan which has been out for consultation and engagement and reports on that process.
- 1.2 This report also provides a timescale in terms of the final approval of the Strategic Plan for the Partnership.

**2. Recommendations**

Members are asked to:

**NOTE** the current status of the Strategic Plan and the forward intention and timescales for completion and approval of this plan;

### 3. Implications

- 3.1 **Resource** – There are no specific resource issues arising from this report, although it is recognised that the content of the Strategic Plan, once finalised, will require to consider this area.
- 3.2 **Legal** – The content of this report is to seek to ensure the Partnership’s compliance with The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.
- 3.3 **Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island)** – There are no such implications as a result of this report although it is recognised that the content of the Strategic Plan will have an impact on service delivery in Highland’s communities.
- 3.4 **Climate Change/Carbon Clever** – There are no climate change implications as a result of this report.
- 3.5 **Risk** – There are no specific risks arising from this report, although it is recognised that the content of the Strategic Plan, once finalised, will require to consider this area.
- 3.6 **Gaelic** – There are no Gaelic implications as a result of this report.


### 4. Background

- 4.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 requires the Partnership to have in place a **Strategic Plan** which sets out the arrangements for the carrying out of the integration functions for the area over the period of the plan and which also sets out how these arrangements are intended to achieve, or contribute to achieving, the national health and wellbeing outcomes.
- 4.3 This same Act also directs that a **Strategic Planning Group** requires to be established and in place in to support the development of this Strategic Plan. That group has been established and has supported the Partnership to prepare a draft strategic plan which was approved by the Joint Monitoring Committee in June and has been issued for a 3 month period of engagement and consultation which will end on the 30 September 2023.

### 5. Strategic Plan

- 5.1 The legislative requirements mandate that the draft plan is prepared and that this is consulted upon with a prescribed list of stakeholders, along with anyone else that the Partnership consider may have an interest.
- 5.2 In terms of that engagement, which is being led by NHS Highland, following the completion of an Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA), the final draft Plan approved by this Committee has been placed on the website of both NHS Highland and also the Highland Council.
- 5.3 The link to that material is undernoted and includes a video providing detail and also information about how interested parties can feed into the process of consultation. Consultees have been encouraged to share the link to all relevant and appropriate stakeholders and four public “open to all” engagement sessions will be held during September 2023 where officers will attend and the public will be invited to attend. These sessions will be widely publicised through social media and media release. The plan, survey and video uploaded now here:



	<p><a href="https://www.scot.nhs.uk">Publications   NHS Highland</a> Recent publications from Highland Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP). <a href="https://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk">www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk</a></p>
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The link to the draft plan has been forwarded to the following groups:-

- Members of the Strategic Planning Group
- All Community Planning Partnerships
- All Councillors
- All Community Councils – 157 groups
- All Equality and Resilience groups – 185 groups

In addition, the engagement materials have been distributed through internal networks in the Highland Health and Social Care Partnership to staff and partner colleagues in Districts and have been widely distributed to the public through social media and media release. Distribution is being monitored to ensure inclusion of all protected characteristic groups as identified by the EQIA.

5.4 Once the period of consultation has closed it is intended that the response to the consultation will be considered by both the Strategic Planning Group and the Joint Officer Group. If no material change is required to the draft plan it is intended that it be submitted to the Scottish Government. Once the plan is in place it is intended to proceed to delivery and local engagement events as anticipated by the terms of the draft Plan. That process will be reported to this Committee.

Designation: Executive Chief Officer, Health and Social Care THC and Chief Officer, NHS Highland

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Appendix: