HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION

We are currently in the midst of major changes in the fields of Social Care and health in Scotland.

Scottish Government passed legislation in 2014 that requires that health and social work services become integrated. This is regarded as the biggest change in the organisation of the National Health Service since its creation in 1948.

The integration of health and social care is one of the Scottish Government’s top priorities and is intended to meet the needs of an ageing population.

From mid-summer 2015, Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian will be working together as a Health and Social Care Partnership governed by the Midlothian Integration Joint Board (IJB). The IJB will take over the current Midlothian Community Health Partnership.

These changes have been underpinned by major changes in legislation.

This paper gives some links to further information on these changes:

Midlothian Health & Social Care Integration Partnership

A new Health and Social Care Partnership is now responsible for planning health and care services for the adult Midlothian population. They have now produced a Midlothian Strategic Commissioning Plan for Health and Care Services 2015-2018 following extensive consultation with members of the public, voluntary sector, etc.

At present services for Children and Young People are not included but this may change in the future.

The Midlothian Integration Scheme has been approved and passed through the formal parliamentary process and will be formally established on 27 June 2015.

There is information on the Health and Social Care Integration Partnership on the Midlothian Council website http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/1347/social_care_and_health/1421/health_and_social_care_integration including the very useful draft “Midlothian Health and Social Care Partnership Easy Read Summary”. They are still welcoming thoughts and views on the draft Plan.

Services included in the Plan include:

- Adult Social Care;
- Community Nursing;
- Criminal Justice;
- Dementia;
• Home Care;
• Housing;
• Learning Disability;
• Mental Health;
• Midlothian Community Hospital;
• Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy;
• Older People;
• Physical Disability and Long Term Conditions;
• Primary Care;
• Substance Misuse.

The Midlothian Health and Social Care Integration Partnership has been controlled by a Shadow Board – which should become a full Board in July 2015.

The Voluntary Sector Forum is represented on this Board by Ruth McCabe, Alzheimer Scotland.

There is a team of staff (from both Midlothian Council and Health) working for the Partnership, led by the Health and Social Care Director, Eihblin McHugh.

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Scottish Government Integration of Health and Social Care website
http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Health/Policy/Adult-Health-SocialCare-Integration

Resources include:

• Information on the legislation underpinning the changes;
• **Communications Toolkit: A guide to support the local implementation of Health and Social Care Integration** - This communications toolkit contains practical resources and information to help local areas to communicate the purpose and outcomes of health and social care integration;
• “There’s no ward like home” video and leaflets;
• Videos on YouTube -
  https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1AngsGBnDfo8V8h7wSEfAg/feed
Joint Improvement Team (JIT) - "Shaping Care for Older People"

The Joint Improvement Team (JIT), Directorate for Health Workforce and Performance, was established in late 2004 to work directly with local health and social care partnerships across Scotland. Website contains useful information and resources, including case studies. JIT also publishes a very informative Bulletin.

JIT Resources include:

- Health and Social Care Integration: Implementation of Locality Arrangements – A brief discussion paper and self-evaluation checklist of some issues to consider.

http://www.jitscotland.org.uk/

The JIT, together with the Health Improvement Scotland (HIS) and the Quality Efficiency Support Team (QuEST) will be amalgamated under one management structure which will be fully operational by April 2016.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR RESOURCES

CHEX – “Integration of health and social care: opportunities for community-led health” –

http://www.chex.org.uk/media/resources/publications/briefings/CHEX%20policy%20briefing_integration%20of%20health%20and%20social%20care.pdf

Health and Social Care Academy

“The Academy aims to drive fundamental change in health and social care in Scotland. Activities will use the lens of lived experience and look at relational, rather than organisational aspects of change.

The Academy is intended as a much-needed cross-sector platform and focal point for activity, a support for all those driving it, and a space for the more radical and emergent ideas.”

http://academy.alliance-scotland.org.uk/
Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) Third Sector Health and Social Care Team

The Third Sector Health and Social Care Team aims to:

- Provide Third Sector co-ordination and support at a strategic level to secure effective engagement in the Reshaping Care for Older People (RCOP) agenda;
- Support the Third Sector’s strategic and practical engagement in the transition to health and social care integration

The Team run a monthly Integration Forum which “provide a safe space for cross sectorial discussion on a range of interesting and relevant topics”.


One of the things the team does is produce a regular e-bulletin on health and social care integration and the RCOP (Reshaping Care for Older People) agenda. The bulletin is called “Engage & Inspire” and includes updates on progress nationally and in different regions; info on events and resources; etc.

Back copies of the e-bulletin, and information on subscribing, can be found on their Resources page: http://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/what-we-do/projects/the-third-sector-health-and-social-care-support-team/programme-information/

The Third Sector Health and Social Care Support Team also post information on Social Media:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ALLIANCEScot

Twitter: @3rdsecHSC

More information on the Alliance, and their other projects, can be found on their website http://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/

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