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WESTERN ISLES HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

Scottish Government Review of Health and Social Care Integration

Report by Chief Officer, Health and Social Care

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update the Joint Board on the Scottish Government's review of health and social care integration.

COMPETENCE

2. The matters arising in the report have no immediate financial, legal or HR implications.

SUMMARY

3. At a health debate in the Scottish Parliament on 2 May 2018, the then Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport undertook that a review of progress by Integration Authorities would be taken forward with the Ministerial Strategic Group for Health and Community Care, and that outputs arising from any further action stemming from such a review would be shared with the Health and Sport Committee of the Scottish Parliament. That work has now been completed and is attached as an appendix to this report.
4. The report recognises in the first instance that the Audit Scotland report on integration which was published in November 2018 provides important evidence for changes that are needed to deliver integration well. The report recommends that these recommendations should be acted upon in full by the statutory health and social care partners in Scotland.
5. The report goes on to set out a host of further proposals, some of which have national application, some of which should be implemented locally. These cover a variety of themes, including relationships, financial management, strategic planning, governance and accountability, information sharing, and meaningful engagement.
6. It will be important for reasons of audit and improvement that we take a comprehensive approach to the delivery of these proposals, and to ensure ongoing oversight of the Audit Scotland recommendations. It is therefore proposed that the Chief Officer work up an action plan which captures local activity, seek agreement of the plan at the next IJB and thereafter ensure that its implementation is monitored by the IJB Audit sub-committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. It is recommended that the IJB:
 - (a) Comments on the Scottish Government report;
 - (b) Agrees to the actions described in paragraph 6.

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