

**CARERS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
INTEGRATION SCHEME**

Report by IJB Standards Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To advise the IJB of proposed amendments to the Cùram is Slàinte nan Eilean Siar Integration Scheme.

COMPETENCE

- 1.1 This Report is concerned entirely with legal matters and the action taken is in implementation of a legal requirement.

SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Integration Scheme for Cùram is Slàinte nan Eilean Siar was submitted by the Comhairle and NHS Western Isles as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and approved by Scottish Government on 20 June 2015. The Schedule to the Integration Scheme details the function which the Comhairle and NHS Western Isles have agreed to delegate to the Integration Joint Board. The Act makes provisions for changes to this schedule subject to these being approved by Scottish Government.
- 2.2 The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 which will come into effect has imposed new duties to support carers of which the IJB is aware from reports to date by the Chief Officer. It is necessary for the Integration Scheme to be amended to reflect the duties under this Act as well as to delete reference to legislative provisions which have been repealed as a result of the Act. Notwithstanding that these are local authority delegated functions it is necessary for both partners to approve the changes to the Scheme prior to submission to Scottish Government for formal approval. It is anticipated that the NHS Board and Comhairle will approve these changes at their respective meetings later this month. The revised schedule is appended to this Report for the IJB's information.

RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Comhairle note the proposed revisions to the Schedule to the Cùram is Slàinte nan Eilean Siar Integration Scheme and that these amendments will be submitted formally to Scottish Government.**

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