

**Borders NHS Board****HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION SCHEME****Aim**

To seek the approval of the Board to delegate authority to the Chairman and Chief Executive to sign off the finalised Integration Scheme to ensure submission to Scottish Ministers by 31 March 2015.

**Background**

The Integration scheme is the document by which the Health Board and Local Authority outline how the legislation, Public Bodies (Joint Working) Act 2014, is to be complied with. Specifically the Integration Scheme must state which model of integration the Health Board and the Local Authority have agreed to apply (delegated authority to an Integrated Joint Board or a lead agency model), the functions to be delegated in accordance with that model and the scope agreed.

The Integration Scheme is the means by which the Health Board and Local Authority give an assurance that they will meet the legislative requirements.

It must be noted that the agreements within the Integration Scheme are legally binding and once agreed any changes will require to be consulted upon and will require to be submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval.

A model Integration scheme outlining how the Integrated Joint Board should operate was issued in early October 2014 and the draft guidance being used by the Scottish Government to review the Integration Scheme was published in November 2014.

In order to achieve an agreed Integration Scheme by 31 March 2015 the following plan and timescales were put in place:-

- The Draft Integration Scheme was submitted to Borders NHS Board on 4 December for approval to commence consultation from 22 December 2014.
- The Draft Integration Scheme was shared with the Shadow Integration Board on 8 December 2014.
- The Draft Integration Scheme was submitted on 18 December 2014 to Scottish Borders Council for approval to commence consultation from 22 December 2014.
- The consultation period commenced on 22 December 2014 and concludes on 13 March 2015.

- The finalised Integration Scheme is to be submitted to Ministers for approval by the deadline of 31 March 2015.
- On approval of the Integration Scheme by Ministers, Orders will be laid in Parliament to establish the Integration Joint Board. This is anticipated as likely to be October 2015.
- Once the Integration Joint Board is established by Parliamentary Order, it can appoint its Chief Officer, its Chief Financial Officer and before April 2016 must approve its Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will contain the date on which the agreed scope and resources are to be delegated to the Integration Joint Board which must be by 1 April 2016 at the latest.

Although the Integration Joint Board exists as an entity from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, the Health Board and the Local Authority cannot formally delegate to the Integration Joint Board until the Strategic Plan is agreed with the resources attached as per the agreed scope.

Until then the Integration Joint Board will in effect act in an advisory capacity and formal decisions will be taken to the parent bodies for approval.

## Summary

The Draft Integration Scheme is currently out for consultation. The consultation period concludes on 13 March 2015.

All responses received during the consultation period will be reviewed and if appropriate implemented into the final version of the Integration Scheme document. A summary report will be produced following the consultation detailing the changes made in light of the feedback received.

The final Integration Scheme and summary report will be submitted to the Board at its meeting on 2 April for ratification.

Given that sign off of the Integration Scheme is required prior to the next Board meeting the Board is asked to delegate authority to sign off the finalised Integration Scheme to the Chairman and Chief Executive.

As a consequence we will also need to consider how to disestablish the Community Health & Care Partnership Board.

## Recommendation

The Board is asked to **delegate** authority to the Chairman and Chief Executive to approve the finalised Integration Scheme for submission to Scottish Ministers by 31 March 2015.

The Board is asked to **note** that it will receive a report at the Strategy & Performance Committee meeting on 5 March 2015 regarding the disbandment by 31 March 2015 of the Community Health & Care Partnership (CH&CP).

<b>Policy/Strategy Implications</b>	Legislative requirement.
<b>Consultation</b>	Formal 12 week consultation period from

	22.12.14 to 13.03.15
<b>Consultation with Professional Committees</b>	Through the formal consultation process.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	A risk register is kept as part of the overall programme of work.
<b>Compliance with Board Policy requirements on Equality and Diversity</b>	Equality Impact Assessment being undertaken.
<b>Resource/Staffing Implications</b>	As detailed within the scheme.

**Approved by**

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