

Executive Advisor Social Work – Update

Report to: Board

Date: 18 December 2018

Report by: Helen Happer, Chief Inspector Strategic Scrutiny

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update members

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board notes the information contained in the update.

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Consultation Log

Who	Comment	Response	Changes Made as a Result/Action
Senior Management			
Legal Services			
Corporate and Customer Services Directorate			
Committee Consultation (where appropriate)			
Partnership Forum Consultation (where appropriate)			
Equality Impact Ass	sessment		
Confirm that Involver been informed	nent and Equalities Team have	YES	NO x
EIA Carried Out		YES	NO x
	the accompanying EIA and outline the equality and diversity plicy.		
classified as an operative	ning that this report has been ational report and not a new n existing policy (guidance, e)	Name: Helen H Position: Chief Scrutiny	apper Inspector Strategic
Authorised by Director	Name: Kevin Mitchell	Date: 19 Novem	ber 2018

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1.0 SCRUTINY OF STRATEGIC LEVEL PARTNERSHIPS

Our strategic inspection teams have been extremely busy of late. We have now completed four inspections of strategic planning in health and social care partnerships (HSPCs) and will carry out a further two by the end of the financial year. The latest report, for Clackmannanshire and Stirling HSPC, highlighted concerns about the extent to which there is an understanding of the needs of the different communities which make up the HSPC area and a commitment to integrating services by making real change to existing work practices. This supports the recent Audit Scotland report on the progress of integration.

Thematic inspection of self-directed support

We are currently preparing our report on the thematic inspection of selfdirected support which took place across six areas.

Children

We have now completed the first two joint inspections for children in need of care and protection, in Argyll and Bute and Fife. We will make any necessary refinements to the methodology in the light of feedback from the areas inspected, and from staff carrying out the inspections, but early indications is that these have worked successfully.

Justice

At time of writing we are about to embark on our first inspection of criminal justice services with a focus on community payback orders. This will take place in Scottish Borders followed by a second inspection in West Dunbartonshire. We will also validate self-evaluation carried out by community justice partnerships in two areas during the remainder of this year, in North Lanarkshire and Clackmannanshire.

We published a biennial report on serious incident reviews (justice).

Progress Reviews

During this period we have also carried out progress reviews in partnerships where performance was weak or below in key areas. These have been in respect of services for older people in Aberdeen City and Edinburgh, and for services for children and young people in Moray.

Audit Scotland-led shared risk assessment

As usual at this time of year, the strategic inspection team recently started coordinating information from across Care Inspectorate activities to draft submissions to the Audit Scotland-led annual shared risk assessment processes.

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