



REPORT TO: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 24 AUGUST 2022

REPORT ON: LEARNING DISABILITY STRATEGIC PLAN

REPORT BY: CHIEF OFFICER

REPORT NO: DIJB58-2022

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To brief the Integration Joint Board about the progress that has been made to co-produce a draft strategic plan for adults with a learning disability and adults with a learning disability and autism in Dundee “Living Life Well and Living Life Your Way in Dundee” (the Strategic Plan).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board (IJB):

- 2.1 Notes the work that has been undertaken to produce the Engagement Findings Report 2022 and its content (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 Approves the direction of travel outlined within the Strategic Plan (Appendix 2).
- 2.3 Acknowledges that the pace of engagement and planning has been slower than initially anticipated as outlined in sections 4.7 and 4.8 of this report.
- 2.4 Remits to the Chief Officer to submit a further report to the IJB in December 2022 outlining a Commissioning Plan which will accompany the Strategic Plan.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Strategic Plan will be implemented within the available financial resources of Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership. For Dundee HSCP delegated Learning Disability services, this is currently £33.1m. Tayside wide service developments as outlined in sections 4.11 and 4.12 of this report will require a sustainable financial framework to be produced in collaboration with Tayside partners. This will require to be submitted to the IJB for approval once available.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 Report DIJB10-2022 “Supporting People with Learning Disabilities, Strategic Update” was submitted to the IJB in February 2022. The report briefed the IJB on progress being made to develop a Strategic and Commissioning plan and to outline plans for further engagement and co-production between March and June 2022. The IJB remitted to the Chief Officer to report the outcome of the engagement process and present a final draft of the Strategic and Commissioning Plan in August 2022.
- 4.2 There is a positive history of engagement and ongoing involvement in relation to learning disability strategic planning in Dundee. Advocating Together are funded to employ Advocators to support this process. For many years Advocators have attended the local Strategic Planning Group (SPG) to reflect back views from Self-Advocates and from more broad consultation and engagement activity. In addition to this the SPG hears information and views from a range of other sources, including the Dundee Learning Disability Providers Forum, the Dundee Involvement Network and Dundee Carers Centre.
- 4.3 Earlier drafts of the Strategic Plan were informed by a large-scale engagement event, which focussed on hearing views about future support from people with learning disabilities and their carers, and which took place in October 2019. The impact of the covid pandemic has undoubtedly restricted the ability to get together in group settings to engage with people and their carers about the further shaping of the Strategic Plan.
- 4.4 Dundee Learning Disability Strategic Plan Engagement Findings Report 2022 (Appendix 1) records the work that has been undertaken during 2022 to hear about what is important for people and their carers. The Engagement Findings Report is supplemented by relevant local and National Research and the information within the report has further informed the Strategic Plan.
- 4.5 In Spring 2022, at an early stage of the engagement process, an engagement working group created a more accessible version of the vision, which forms part of the Strategic Plan. The new version of the vision supported the subsequent discussions and activity to learn people’s views and perspectives.
- 4.6 The report summarises the information gained through a number of engagement activities, focus groups with self-advocates, service users and carers and the results of surveys. There was varied, useful and interesting feedback received. Throughout the life of the Plan it is anticipated that we may learn more views in our changing social and economic environment
- 4.7 Although widespread and strenuous efforts were made to inform people about engagement activity planned, there was a lower level of participation than before the pandemic. It is thought that this may have been the result of a number of factors, including changes in the lives of our target group during and since the pandemic, and changes (and perhaps additional pressures) on carers and the workforce. It is also possible that following the pandemic some people may have less interest in influencing plans for the future, a future which in some ways may seem less certain.
- 4.8 Due to the pace of engagement and planning being slower than had initially been anticipated earlier in 2022 when the engagement plans were being made, a Commissioning Plan is still in the process of being developed. Rather than rush the overall planning process, and taking into account the need for people with learning disabilities to feel they are driving local strategy, it is recognised that more time will be required to complete a Commissioning Plan to accompany the Strategic Plan.
- 4.9 Despite the overall planning process taking longer than anticipated, Dundee Learning Disability Strategic and Commissioning Group would welcome the approval of the IJB about the direction of travel outlined within the Strategic Plan. It is anticipated that the Commissioning Plan which will form

part of the Strategic Plan will be available for submission to the IJB in December 2022. This will allow more time to ensure that the detailed actions are co-produced alongside people with learning disabilities and those who are in a supporting role.

- 4.10 It is recognised that the Commissioning Plan will also require to capture Tayside wide service developments designed to improve support for people with learning disabilities and people with learning disabilities and autism. There are 2 main areas of work which are significant.
- 4.11 Services for people with a range of neurodevelopmental disorders are currently being redesigned on a Tayside wide basis. The work is being co-produced with service users, carers, third sector organisations and health and social care professionals. It is envisaged that service users with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Tourette Syndrome etc can expect a single point of contact and a well co-ordinated response which will direct them to the most appropriate intervention.
- 4.12 A further Tayside wide workstream is underway to improve pathways of care for people with learning disabilities. The scope of the work extends across community/ inpatient care and it is anticipated that one element of the work will be to introduce Tayside wide commissioning arrangements for people with very complex needs, for example new models of accommodation with support.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment to identify impacts on Equality & Diversity, Fairness & Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. An impact, positive or negative, on one or more of these issues was identified. An appropriate senior manager has checked and agreed with this assessment. A copy of the Integrated Impact Assessment showing the impacts and accompanying benefits of / mitigating factors for them is included as an Appendix to this report.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk 1 Description	That the Strategic Plan is not fully implemented and does not achieve the desired outcomes
Risk Category	Operational
Inherent Risk Level	Likelihood (3) x Impact (4) = Risk Scoring (12)
Mitigating Actions (including timescales and resources)	Support arrangements for people with learning disabilities have developed and improved over a number of years. Some existing models of support are well established and will continue to be available. New and emerging models, some of these Tayside wide, are currently being co-produced and will offer improved support for people when they need it, be inclusive and reduce inequalities for people with learning disabilities and people with learning disabilities and autism.
Residual Risk Level	Likelihood (1) x Impact (3) = Risk Scoring (3)
Planned Risk Level	Likelihood (1) x Impact (3) = Risk Scoring (3)
Approval recommendation	That the risk should be accepted.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief (Finance) Officer and the Clerk were consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 DIRECTIONS

The Integration Joint Board requires a mechanism to action its strategic commissioning plans and this is provided for in sections 26 to 28 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014. This mechanism takes the form of binding directions from the Integration Joint Board to one or both of Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside.

Direction Required to Dundee City Council, NHS Tayside or Both	Direction to:	
	1. No Direction Required	x
	2. Dundee City Council	
	3. NHS Tayside	
	4. Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside	

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None

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