

11 A NATIONAL CARE SERVICE FOR SCOTLAND – CONSULTATION (DIJB47-2021)

In August 2021 the Integration Joint Board was advised of the Scottish Government's consultation regarding proposals to establish a National Care Service for Scotland (Article XII of the minutes of the Dundee Integration Joint Board held on 25th August 2021 refers).

The consultation period has now been extended by the Scottish Government and will end on 2nd November 2021 (previously 18th October 2021).

A range of activity has been planned by the Partnership to encourage and support stakeholders to engage with and respond to the consultation, this includes:

- A range of approaches focused on raising awareness of the consultation amongst people who use health and social care services and supports, carers and the wider public. Within this the focus is on informing people that the consultation is open, that it proposes significant changes to the way that health and social care services and supports for people of all ages are planned and delivered in the future, and on the mechanisms by which they can make their views on the proposals known. Information has been added to the Partnership's website, the Health Inequalities Service website and is being distributed in collaboration with Dundee City Council Communications Services via social media channels. In addition, materials issued to providers (see below) include information and prompts to encourage them to support individuals and interest groups to participate in the consultation process.
- Information has been issued to local providers of health and social care services and supports, both via the Partnership's existing networks and through DVVA, to encourage and support providers to respond to the consultation. In addition, there will be opportunities to discuss the consultation at provider forums facilitated by the Partnership.
- Each of the Partnership's Strategic Planning Groups has been offered the opportunity to have a facilitated discussion regarding the key proposals within the consultation document and to capture views on the proposals made. Membership of Strategic Planning Groups includes internal Partnership staff, external service providers and community / lived experience representatives.
- A briefing session was provided to the IJB and Strategic Planning Advisory Group members on the 28th September 2021, including an opportunity for discussion regarding key aspects of the proposals set out in the consultation document.
- Materials have been developed to support facilitated discussions with the Partnership workforce. These will be distributed to managers to enable them to undertake discussions at service and team level and to gather workforce views on the proposals set out in the consultation document.

In addition to the above, a range of other activity is being taken forward by representative bodies at local, regional and national levels to gather views and make collated responses to the consultation. This includes provider representative bodies, workforce representative bodies and bodies representing specific interest groups within the population who utilise health and social care services and supports (including carers). A range of internal officers and external partners are participating in these activities in addition to the activities listed above that are being led by the Partnership.

The Integration Joint Board is asked to note the extension of the consultation period and activity across the Partnership to promote and support engagement in the consultation process.