



Third Sector
Dumfries and Galloway

Policy Briefing No 1 Health and Social Care Integration

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The first two sets of draft regulations have been released for [consultation](#) by the Scottish Government, a further briefing on this will be distributed in the coming weeks

Background

[The Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Scotland\) Act](#) was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 25th February 2014, and received Royal Assent on the 1st April 2014. The Act provides the framework for integrating health and social care in order to provide a seamless experience for those using the services, including the integration of health and social care budgets.

The main aims are:

- To support improvement in terms of the quality and consistency of health and social care services in Scotland;
- To enable local partners to, more effectively and consistently, plan for and provide seamless, joined up quality health and social care services; and
- To ensure that resources are used effectively and efficiently to deliver services that meet the increasing number of people with longer term and often complex needs.

National timetable for progress:

Consultation of regulations: May 2014—Aug 2014

Development of associated guidance: Aug 2014—Dec 2014

Regulations complete: late 2014

Integration goes 'live' locally: April 2015

All integration arrangements must be in place: April 2016

Local Response

A report with recommendations from the Health and Social Care Integration Programme Board will be considered by the Community Health and Social Care Partnership Board (as shadow Health and Social Care Partnership) on 29th May 2014. This will then be refined and finalised for consideration by the Full Council on 26th June 2014.

The [report](#) asks the Partnership to consider making the following recommendations to the Full Council. For the full recommendations please [click here](#):

- adopting the [Body Corporate model](#), and establishing an Integration Joint Board, for the integration of Adult Health and Social Care between the Council and NHS Board
- formally establishing an Integration Joint Board through the Body Corporate model, replacing the Community Health and Social Care Partnership Board with the Integration Joint Board, in an interim form, overseeing the progress and development of integrated services, and the necessary preparations, by 1 April 2015 and delivery thereafter
- designating the Chief Operating Officer within NHS Dumfries and Galloway as the Chief Officer for the Integration Joint Board - required by legislation - and to undertake this in a shadow role prior to legislation coming into force on 1 April 2015
- establishing a single management structure, led by the Chief Officer, and managed through an Adult Health and Social Care Management Board
- implementing organisational arrangements that will support local accountability, including the establishment of four distinct Area Health and Social Care teams; each managed by an Area Health and Social Care Manager who will have full budget and resource delegation and overall responsibility for the delivery of local Adult services within that Area. These Area arrangements and a range of defined region wide services would be overseen by one senior manager with operational responsibility for Adult Health and Social Care

Impact on the third sector

The impact on the third sector is at this moment in time, unknown. The main issues that the third sector will face include: being treated as equal partners; the capacity of the third sector to engage; strategic involvement and locality planning.

The third and independent sectors are recognised as crucial partners along with the statutory services in providing significant levels of care and support. It is emphasised that the principles of working in partnership across the third, independent and statutory partners built from the [Change Fund](#) for older people's services are preserved as we move into integration.

The Act states that integration authorities are required to produce a strategic plan which describes how they will plan and deliver services for their area for the next 3 years. A requirement of this is to have full involvement of the third and independent sectors, service users and carers and will be embedded as a mandatory feature of the commissioning and planning process.

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