

POLICY NOTE

THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (MEMBERSHIP OF STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2014

SSI 2014/308

1. The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 32 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

2. The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (“the Act” requires the integration authority to prepare a strategic plan for the area of the local authority. A strategic plan is a document that sets out the arrangements for carrying out integrated health and social care functions, and how these arrangements are intended to achieve the national outcomes. The plan should be subject to a continual cycle of analysis and review.
3. Section 32 of the Act requires each integration authority to establish a strategic planning group, which should be involved in all stages of developing and reviewing plans. Depending on the model of integration chosen, the group must involve members nominated by the local authority or the Health Board, or both. In effect, this provides for the organisations and individuals who prepared the integration plan and are party to the integrated arrangements to be involved in the development of the strategic plan.
4. This instrument sets out a list of other groups who must be represented in the strategic planning group. These groups should be included in the strategic planning group. Ministers have been clear that service users and their carers, along with the third and independent sectors, have the knowledge and understanding of service needs and provision that need to be embedded in the decision making process. In addition, the professional expertise of GPs, other clinicians, social care and housing professionals is required.
5. The integration planning principles set out in the Act state that services should be “planned and led locally in a way which is engaged with the community (including those who look after service-users and those who are involved in the provision of health and social care)”. These Regulations reflect this principle by requiring key groups involved in the provision of health and social care to always be included in the strategic planning group.
6. This instrument does not restrict the ability of integration authority to appoint other members to its strategic planning group. as it feels appropriate

Consultation

7. A public consultation took place, running from 27 May 2014 to 18 August 2014 and 172 responses were submitted in total. Where we received permission to do so, the responses to the consultation have been published on the Scottish Government website. It includes

responses from Health Boards, local authorities, representative bodies, third sector and carers organisations.

Impact Assessments

8. An equality impact assessment has already been completed on the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill and a summary published. To view the Equality Impact Assessment click [here](#). No additional issues arise as a result of this instrument.

Financial Effects

9. A Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment was completed on the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill and a summary was published. To view the Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment click [here](#). No additional issues arise as a result of this instrument.

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