

HSCP Updates

Ministerial thanks - The Chief Officer and Pam Cremin, Deputy Chief Officer, Highland Community, recently met with Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care. The Minister expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to all staff and partners delivering care in complex and difficult circumstances across all systems in Highland and Argyll and Bute. We would like to pass on this feedback to all colleagues and add our own thanks and appreciation for the fantastic work colleagues do every day.

Strategic Plan -

May,

strategic direction for the next three years, our priorities and commissioning intentions, our strategic objectives, how we will get there, what we will spend and how we will monitor and measure to ensure that every staff member and every service works towards our vision to support people in Argyll and Bute to lead long, healthy, independent lives. Further information is available online [here](#).

NHS Scotland Event 2022 - The annual NHS Scotland Event took place from 21-22 June in Aberdeen and was the first time it had been held in person since 2019. The title of the event this year was *Pandemic Recovery and Reform for the Future*.

The HSCP was well represented at the

health and social care professionals functioning in teams that are managed and supported by two Heads of Service.

Heads of Service have functioned as Head of Adult Care for Older People and

has not been as robust as we would have liked. We would also like to thank those colleagues who raised concerns about these issues.

An action plan has been put in place to implement the recommendations listed in the report and this plan has been shared with NHS Education for Scotland. The recruitment issues we face as an organisation are shared by other Health Boards and we are actively looking into using more innovative methods of marketing and promoting NHS Highland as an attractive pl

National Updates

New National Targets to Tackle Long Waits for Planned Care

New targets have been set out for NHS Scotland to address the impact of the pandemic on long waiting times for planned care. The Health Secretary has also announced that NHS Scotland will aim to eradicate waits of more than two years, and then one year in most specialities by September 2024. Further information is available [here](#).

National Care Service

The Scottish Government lodged a Bill in Parliament on 21 June 2022 in relation to their plans for a National Care Service (NCS) for Scotland. The Bill provides for the Scottish Government to become accountable for the delivery of adult social care and social work, in addition to their accountabilities for the NHS. It also includes powers to consult on including children and justice services.

The Bill introduces the setting up of Local Care Boards to plan, commission and deliver services for their local area. Health services will continue to be delivered by the NHS in partnership, as commissioned by the Care Board.

The Bill process will last at least a year and no change is expected before 2026.

Good News

Helensburgh Reablement Team

Sarah Taylor and Sandie Shaw are both part of the Reablement Team supporting patients in Helensburgh and Lomond. Sarah is a Reablement Occupational Therapist who has been working for the HSCP for 18 months after starting within a few weeks of each other.

Reablement is an Occupational Therapy led service across Argyll and Bute, providing wide ranging support options to patients within the community and at their homes.

Skills to live independently after an illness, deterioration in health or injury. Support is usually provided for up to 6-8 weeks and is tailored to individual needs.

Working together alongside patients and their families, the service aims to provide effective intervention for patients receiving reablement within the community. The team in Helensburgh includes occupational therapists, physiotherapists and health care support workers, and is supported by community nurses and social workers. You can find out more [here](#).

Struan Lodge

Struan Lodge Care Home for older people was inspected by the Care Inspectorate in June 2022 and we are delighted to note that it received Grades of 5 (very good) across supporting well-being and leadership. All credit to all the hard work of the staff.

Reducing the Carbon Footprint of the HSCP Commercial Fleet

The HSCP has been awarded £494,000 from Transport Scotland to install 30 additional electric vehicle charge points in 9 of our hospital sites and replace some of our diesel vans by March 2023. This important increase in our electrical infrastructure will allow the HSCP to replace a further 40 vehicles with electric ones as we move towards achieving the target of net zero CO2 emissions by 2025.

Long Covid Service

NHS Highland is working closely with the Scottish Government Long Covid team and is in the final stages of planning to launch a board wide Long Covid service in the next few weeks. We are currently recruiting OT and Physiotherapy staff to support rehabilitation and are the first board in Scotland to adopt the C19-York Rehab Scale App which will assist triage and self-management.

New Colleagues

Assistant Clinical Dental Director

We are delighted to announce that Gillian Rees has been appointed to the post of Assistant Clinical Dental Director to lead the Argyll and Bute Public Dental Service. Gillian will start in her new role at the beginning of August and we look forward to welcoming her to the Argyll and Bute team.

New Trainee Health Psychologist

Trainee Health Psychologist. Her role is funded by NHS Education for Scotland and the HSCP for two years.

behaviour related to health, illness and healthcare and they work in a variety of settings such as working directly with patients or groups, supporting other staff and providing support for awareness campaigns.

Giulia will be working jointly between the Public Health and Dietetics teams and in her role she will focus mainly on weight management and Type 2 Diabetes management and prevention.