



## **Integration Joint Board**

**Agenda item:**

**Date of Meeting: 21 September 2022**

**Title of Report: Chief Officer Report**

**Presented by: Fiona Davies, Chief Officer**

### **The Integration Joint Board is asked to:**

Note the following report from the Chief Officer

### **Introduction**

It was with sadness that we received the news of the death of her Majesty the Queen. The following statement was issued on behalf of IJB members and the HSCP by Sarah Compton-Bishop (IJB Chair), Councillor Amanda Hampsey (IJB Vice-Chair) and myself through our social media.

"We would like to express our sadness on the announcement of the death of Her Majesty the Queen.

"Her Majesty's life was one of dedicated public service and devotion to our nation and the Commonwealth. We were privileged to welcome Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh to Argyll and Bute to mark the official opening of Lorn and Islands Hospital in 1995.

"We join together in mourning and extend our condolences and compassion to the Royal Family as the whole country comes to terms with this news and mourns her passing."

This month within my report I have also included an update on the recent Cabinet Secretary visit to Bute where the Minister met with HSCP staff as well as residents and patients at some of our health and social care facilities on the island. I am very grateful that the Minister took up my invitation to visit Argyll and Bute. It was a really valuable day and he had an opportunity to meet some really amazing staff and members of the public and see for himself the innovative work carried out by the teams on the island both from the HSCP and our partners.

I have also included in the report an update on the HSCP's vaccination programme and I would encourage everyone to take u



Glasgow and Clyde. This is in line with national policy and will enable patients to be seen sooner, helping to bring waiting times down.

*HSCP Vaccination Programme* - Vaccinations in Argyll and Bute began on Monday 5 September starting with Care Homes, housebound people and Health and Social Care staff.

COVID-19 and flu vaccines are being delivered by dedicated HSCP vaccination teams, except on Coll, Colonsay, Jura, Tiree, Bute, & Islay. GPs practices are delivering in these locations.

It is vital that you take up the offer of vaccination when invited - it protects you and those you support against serious COVID-19 infection.

If you're eligible for both the COVID-19 and flu vaccine this winter, they will be given at the same time where possible. Getting both together is safe and will deliver maximum protection over the winter months.

## **Operational**

and also in-house HSCP posts. Funding has also been sourced to recruit an HR resource to help with recruitment in this area and this post is currently out to advert.

## **National Updates**

### **Winter vaccines programme begins**

Older people resident in care homes are among the first to receive COVID-19 and flu vaccines as the winter vaccine programme got underway from 5 September. More than two million people in Scotland will be offered vaccines over the next three months - helping protect the public and relieving pressure on the NHS. Invitations will have been sent to all over 65s by the end of the first week. Further information is available [here](#).

### **Facemasks no longer recommended in social care**

Social care staff and visitors are no longer being advised to wear facemasks at all

## National Care Service Update

Finola Owen, the Area Manager for Kintyre and Islay, has been successful in gaining the Interim Area Manager post for Cowal (for 6 months) to cover long-term absence, whilst Emma King-