

Health and Social Care Integration within Glasgow City Briefing



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Dear colleague,

This is the third in the series of briefings to keep you up to date with developments with health and social care integration within Glasgow. In this short briefing we will update you on both the progress of the legislation through the Scottish Parliament and the work that is being carried out in Glasgow. We will also tell you about the new Connect and Staffnet web pages which have been launched to provide more information about integration for staff working within Glasgow City Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

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1 - Update on Legislation

The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill has now completed Stage 2 of the legislative process in the Scottish Parliament.

The Bill provides the framework which will support improvement of the quality and consistency of health and social care services through the integration of health and social care in Scotland.

The Bill states that, as a minimum, adult health and social care services must be integrated but, if they wish to do so, partnerships can include other functions such as children's services in their integrated arrangements.

Stage 3, which completes the legislative process within the Parliament, is scheduled for week beginning 24 February.

After completion of Stage 3, the Bill will receive Royal Assent and become law. This is expected to happen this spring.

Further information about the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill can be found on the Scottish Parliament website at <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/63845.asp>
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2 - Work Being Carried Out In Glasgow

Workstreams

In our last briefing, we introduced the eight workstreams that are responsible for delivering particular aspects of integration, and outlined how they will contribute to the development of integrated health and social care services within Glasgow.

These workstreams are continuing to focus on their respective areas of responsibility, and we will update you further on their progress throughout the year.

Leadership Events

Leadership teams from Social Work Services and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde have attended a series of events designed to identify how we can build a successful partnership.

For integration to be a success in Glasgow there needs to be a shared vision, purpose and direction that is meaningful and relevant to all involved. These events are helping us to outline our vision, purpose and direction, and will support the two teams to establish principles and ways of working to promote effective partnership working.

Integration of Health and Social Care within Glasgow

This month, reports will be going to Glasgow City Council's Executive Committee and the board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to seek approval on the scope of integration - which services will be included - in Glasgow City, and on how our integrated services will be managed.

You can read both reports on our new web pages, and we will have more information on these in our next briefing.

3 - Connect and Staffnet Web Pages

We have now launched web pages on Social Work Services' area of Connect and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's Staffnet website dedicated to keeping you informed about the integration of health and social care in Glasgow.

On these web pages, you can:

- find information on how we are jointly developing proposals for the integration of health and social care;
- find links to the relevant legislation;
- read the staff briefings and
- share your views (comments and suggestions) or ask questions

The pages can be accessed as follows:

- for **Social Work Services staff**, by navigating to Social Work Services' home page and then clicking on the link 'Health and Social Care Integration' on the left-side menu. Alternatively, they can be accessed by clicking on the following link or typing it into your web browser:
<http://connect.glasgow.gov.uk/YourService/SocialWorkServices/HealthandSCI>
- for **NHS staff**, by navigating to Staffnet's home page and then clicking on Partnerships, CHPS, Glasgow City CHP, Health & Social Care Integration. Alternatively, they can be accessed by clicking on the following link or typing it into your web browser:
<http://www.staffnet.ggc.scot.nhs.uk/Partnerships/CHPs/GC/Pages/HealthandSocialCareIntegration.aspx>

Communication is very important as we take integration forward within Glasgow. We hope that you find the web pages a useful place for you to be kept up to date and share your views or ask questions.

4 - Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding this brief or any aspect of the integration of health and social care, please contact one of us using the email addresses below or via the 'Questions' section of our new web pages.

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