Dear Colleague

Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Consultation on the Draft Strategic Plan 2016-2019

I would like to invite you to participate in the public consultation process for the Angus Strategic Plan. We are keen to once again hear your views and opinions.

Angus Council and NHS Tayside are now working together in an Angus Health and Social Care Partnership. The Angus Health and Social Care Partnership has been established under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. The work of the partnership is overseen by the Integration Joint Board (IJB).

Part of the work of the IJB includes developing a strategic plan for health and social care in Angus. We are now in the final stages of developing this plan. The plan is built upon the importance of equal partnership, an approach to working across all sectors where genuine community engagement is at the heart of constructing new cultures of care.

Our aim has been and will continue to go beyond consulting with communities to create a broader discussion based approach where learning affects change. As detailed in our plan, many of the key aspirations of health and social care integration show our commitment to new ways of working and learning together where all contributions help shape the delivery of good outcomes for people who live in Angus.

We need to think innovatively about how a growing population of people in need of support can be supported differently and how we can respond to peoples’ expressed wishes to remain at home for longer. Health and social care services are being brought together to address these challenges. Very often this will be delivered through working in the four localities that make up Angus.

Our vision for health and social care in Angus is one which is shared not just within the new integrated organisation but with a wider partnership that exists within our communities. This partnership includes people who live and work in Angus, staff and providers of services and support, the independent sector, and the third sector, including voluntary organisations and volunteers.

This first Angus Strategic Plan aims to consolidate current single agency and joint service development and improvement plans, and to review and determine whether existing plans continue to progress towards the agreed vision for integration.
It is not a list of actions outlining everything that the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership are doing or plan to do over the coming years. The detail about how we make those steps will be developed through our four localities and Angus-wide engagement structures in collaboration with all partners in the public, independent and voluntary sectors, and in local communities, over the lifetime of the plan.

However, bringing together our health and social care services creates opportunity to improve outcomes through integrated working in front line services, better communication, improved efficiency and reduced duplication of effort. Working effectively together will support people to remain at home, to prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital or to care homes and ensure that people who have to go to hospital are discharged in a timely manner with the right supports in place.

You now have an opportunity to ensure that future health and social care services in Angus reflect your needs and those of your community. Please take the time to read the draft strategic plan and give us your thoughts and opinions; let us know if we have got it right for you and your community.

The draft strategic plan and online questionnaire can be accessed at:


The consultation closes on Sunday 21 February 2016.

Yours sincerely

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