

Policy Statement – Integration Plan Consultation
Section 6(2)(a)

Introduction

1. This statement summarises Scottish Ministers' intention in relation to the regulations that will be made under 6(2)(a) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill (referred to in this statement as the Bill). This gives Scottish Ministers the power to make regulations that prescribe such persons or groups of persons that the Health Board and the local authority must consult in the development of the integration plan. The power is;

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6 (2) Before submitting the integration plan for approval under section 7, the local authority and the Health Board must jointly consult –

- a) *Such persons or groups of persons appearing to the Scottish Ministers to have an interest as may be prescribed*
- b) *Such other persons as the local authority and the Health Board think fit.*

By virtue of section 48(1) of the Bill “prescribe” means prescribed by regulations. By virtue of section 49(4) of the Bill, regulations under this section will be subject to the negative procedure.

Consultation on the integration plan

2. Section 1 of the Bill requires Health Boards and local authorities to jointly prepare an integration plan for the area of the local authority. The purpose of the integration plan is to establish the context and provide the necessary clarity for the arrangements in which the integration authorities will operate. It will set out the governance arrangements for the integration authority, functions and budgets to be delegated; outcomes to be achieved; the model of integration to be implemented; and a range of other topics that Ministers will specify.

3. It is essential that the local authority and the Health Board share the proposed integration plan widely with those who have an interest in the delivery or receipt of health and social care within the geographic boundaries of the proposed integration authority. This would include other integration authorities or local authorities whose resident populations access services primarily through the same Health Board.

4. Ministers intend to consult on the basis that regulations will specify that the following people or groups of people must be jointly consulted on the development of the integration plan;

- Health professionals who operate within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority;
- Staff of the Health Board who operate within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority;

- Users of health care who reside within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority;
- Carers of users of health care who reside within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority;
- Commercial providers of health care who operate within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority;
- Non-commercial providers of health care who operate within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority;
- Social care professionals who operate within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority;
- Staff of the local authority who they see as relevant who operate within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority
- Users of social care who reside within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority;
- Carers of users of social care who reside within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority;
- Commercial providers of social care who operate within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority;
- Non-commercial providers of social care who operate within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority;
- Local authorities or integration authorities who operate within the geographic boundaries of the same Health Board;
- Non-commercial providers of social housing who operate within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority;
- Recognised representative bodies, representing the interests of specific age, condition or illness groups who operate within the boundaries of the proposed integration authority.

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