



Integration Joint Board

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Charter for Involvement (National Involvement Network)

(Paper presented by Glen Graham)

For Approval

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SECTION 1: REPORT CONTENT

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Since September 2017, the Partnership has been carrying out a scoping exercise of existing services and support provided to Adults with a Learning Disability living in Dumfries and Galloway. As part of this, the views and experiences of people with a learning disability, their families, Carers and people who provide services have contributed to developing our understanding of existing resources, the challenges we currently face and are likely to face going forward.
- 1.2 To build on this work, the involvement of people with a learning disability their families, Carers and service providers will be key to the development of local services and the successful provision and development of services and opportunities going forward.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **The Integration Joint Board is asked to:**
 - **Approve and sign the Charter for Involvement**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Scottish Government's Learning Disability Strategy "The Keys to Life" 2013, aims to address the health inequalities facing people with a learning disability and improve outcomes for people including access to services, choice and control. Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) are committed to ensuring that;
 - People with a learning disability are active citizens in our communities
 - They, their families and Carers have the right to be valued as individuals and lead fulfilling and healthy lives by supporting communities to be the best place to live, active, safe and healthy lives by promoting independence, choice and control.

3.2 Moving forward, we will develop services which are co-produced between providers and people with a learning disability, their Cares and families. Where possible we will aim to co-design new models of support that best achieve peoples' personal outcomes and makes the best use of available resources.

3.3 This work will be linked to the four strategic outcomes of "The Keys to Life Strategy"

- A Healthy Life: People with a Learning Disability enjoy the highest attainable standard of living, health and family life.
- Choice and Control: People with a Learning Disability are treated with dignity and respect and protected from neglect, exploitation and abuse.
- Independence: People with a Learning Disability are able to live independently in the community with equal access to all aspects of society.
- Active Citizenship: People with a Learning Disability are able to participate in all aspects of community and society.

4. Main Body of the Report

4.1 The executive group formed to take forward the work of the scoping exercise has become aware of the 'Charter of Involvement'.

4.2 The Association for Real Change (ARC Scotland) supported by the Scottish Government support a group of over 80 people who use social care organisations across Scotland in a group called the National Involvement Network (NIN). This group believe that people with learning disabilities should be involved in how their support organisations are planned and run. Members of NIN have worked together over the last few years to produce the Charter for Involvement (see Appendix 1) and aim to increase the existing membership from 40 to 100 organisations.

4.3 The Charter and the twelve principles it contains is built on people with learning disabilities who want to have more choice and control. The principles are:

1. We must be at the heart of any plans about our lives
2. We have the right to live our lives independently
3. We must be involved in our communities
4. We want to be involved in choosing the people who support us
5. We want to give information and training to staff at all levels
6. We want to be involved in writing policies that affect us and make them easier to understand
7. We want to be involved in decisions made by the organisations that plan and run our support
8. We want to be involved in events run by the organisations that plan and run our support
9. We want to be involved with "speaking-up" groups
10. We want to take part in national and local campaigns
11. We want the right to make formal complaints if we need to

- 4.4 Within Dumfries and Galloway the NIN supports the Powerful Voices Group which is made up of people with learning disabilities who use services across the region. The Powerful Voices Group want to see positive change across the region and want to work together to challenge negative attitudes and create a more inclusive society. They want to bring big issues to the attention of people who have the power to bring about positive change. In January this year, the group organised a conference to enable people across the region to hear and have their views heard on the 'Keys to Life' priorities and the scoping exercise currently being undertaken in relation to learning disability services in the region.
- 4.5 The NIN also supports the Dumfries and Galloway Charter group which have been meeting since 2016. This is a group of people who use services that meet to share examples of how they are promoting the Charter and putting it in to practice. Meetings are bi-monthly in Castle Douglas.
- 4.6 Locally a number of organisations have signed up to the Charter. This includes some of the larger support providers such as key Housing Association, The Richmond Fellowship Scotland and Turning Point Scotland. The Activity Resource Centres across the region and the Community Support Team in Castle Douglas have also signed up to the Charter for Involvement.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 The principles contained within the Charter for Involvement reflect outcomes that the Health and Social Care Partnership is working to achieve for people with a learning disability their Carers and families. They are also directly linked to the objectives of the national Keys to Life Strategy.
- 5.2 If we are to achieve our vision, the involvement of people with a learning disability their families, Carers and service providers is key to the successful provision and development of services and opportunities.
- 5.3 Signing up to the charter and working with the groups above offers the opportunity to actively engage directly with people with learning disabilities and to seek opportunities for co-production in the development of a local learning disability services.
- 5.4 It is also clear that, as a number of local organisations are already signed up to the principles of the Charter, they are already committed to engaging with people with learning disabilities who use services.
- 5.5 By signing up to the Charter the Partnership will help facilitate a co-productive approach to the development of learning disability services.

SECTION 2: COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNANCE STANDARDS

6. Resource Implications

6.1 This is managed within current resources.

7. Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy

7.1 This supports the delivery of the 9 national health and wellbeing outcomes.

8. Legal & Risk Implications

8.1 As outlined above.

9. Consultation

9.1 Permission has been sought from the NIN group to share information related to the charter and the Powerful Voices Group locally has already been consulted as part of the recent scoping exercise for learning disability services.

10. Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment

10.1 Not applicable

11. Glossary

ARC Association for Real Change
IJB Integration Joint Board
NIN National Involvement Network