

Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland

Note of meeting – 29 October 2020 – 9:00 – 11:00

Present – via MS Teams	
Chair	Derek Feeley
Advisory Panel Members	Malcolm Chisholm
	Stuart Currie
	Anna Dixon (9:00 – 10:15am)
	Caroline Gardner
	Göran Henriks
	Ian Welsh
	Jim Elder-Woodward
Scottish Government Attendees	Alison Taylor Christina Naismith Secretariat support
Apologies	
1) Welcome and Introductions	
Mr Feeley welcomed the panel and gave an update on a file sharing and collaboration space in advance of report writing.	
2) Minute of last meeting – 15 October 2020 (IRASC (020))	
The minutes of the previous meeting were signed off without amendment.	
3) Discussion	
<p>Mr Feeley introduced the first part of the discussion to consider the following questions, which had been sent to the Panel before the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How do panel members feel about potentially recommending a National Care Service is created? b) If there is to be a National Care Service, what should be its aim and its core functions? c) How should any National Care Service relate to the National Health Service, to local government, to Integration Authorities, and to the regulatory bodies? d) How should any National Care Service be constituted and to whom should it be accountable? e) How should any National Care Service work in and with local communities? <p>The panel acknowledged the complex starting point and broad remit of the current social care system and reflected back on the on the First Minister’s statement that this was a “moment to be bold”.</p> <p>There followed a wide ranging discussion about what a National Care Service could look like, including which responsibilities should sit locally and nationally, and where responsibility should lie with organisations and statutory roles.</p> <p>Mr Chisholm helpfully summarised some common themes of what might form a national approach, which are broadly congruent with matters coming up at engagement sessions and written evidence being sent to the review. These themes</p>	

included, but were not limited to, an overall national direction for workforce issues including common standards for pay and training, national direction for commissioning, national eligibility criteria, a national programme for improvement, fair price tendering, consistent approaches for assessment and portability, and national rights-based entitlements.

Cllr Currie pointed out the continuing wider public perception of a National Care Service being solely care homes rather than the whole range of social care services and supports.

This part of the discussion rounded up by returning to the consideration questions, with Mr Feeley stating “the aim of a National Care Services should be to provide”:

- Consistency – not uniformity
- Equity – of resources and access
- Closing of the implementation gap – translate good intent, legislation and national standards into good outcomes for people.

Mr Elder-Woodward added inclusivity to this list. This was followed by discussions of ways these aims could be reached at national and local levels, including different oversight models, and the strengths of various local structures.

4) Three Questions: Rights table returns

In advance of this meeting the panel were each asked to consider the following questions: **In order to ensure that Scotland has a ‘human rights-based approach’ to adult social care, what should be recommended...**

1. To strengthen the capability of rights holders to participate and to secure the outcomes to which they are entitled?
2. To improve the ability of 'duty bearers' to deliver?
3. To say about implementation of a rights-based approach and about accountability and redress?

5) Agenda items for meeting on 12/11

- The purpose of social care, specific improvement aims, a definition of high quality social care, and the panel’s position on the rights based approach.

6) Future Meeting Dates

1	Thursday 12 November 2020	9:00am – 11:00am
2	Thursday 26 November 2020	9:00am – 11:00am
3	Thursday 10 December 2020	9:00am – 11:00am
4	Thursday 24 December 2020	9:00am – 11:00am
5	Thursday 7 January 2021	9:00am – 11:00am

Dates passed without comment.

7) AOB

Ms Dixon offered to add to evidence on user charging.

Action: Ms Dixon to send evidence on user charging.

Mr Feeley extended invite to panel members to attend his meeting with the Independent Living Fund on 30th October.

Action: *Secretariat to circulate meeting details to available panel members.*