

Introduction

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the draft Regulations to accompany the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. Our response to this consultation is limited as we are fortunate that representatives from the Care Inspectorate have been involved in a number of working groups relating to the Act and have supported the drafting of these Regulations.

We support the move towards integration of health and social care and look forward to working closely with partner organisations to help ensure the successful implementation of the new duties placed upon services as part of the integration process. This work will of course include our role in evaluating the effectiveness of integrated services and supporting improvement across the newly integrated landscape, alongside our scrutiny partners Healthcare Improvement Scotland.

ANNEX 1(D)

PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INTEGRATION SCHEME RELATING TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

Do you agree with the prescribed matters to be included in the Integration Scheme? Yes X
No
If no, please explain why:
Are there any additional matters that should be included within the regulations?
Yes
No X
If yes, please suggest:
Are there any further comments you would like to offer on these draft Regulations?
No.

PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED FUNCTIONS THAT MUST BE DELEGATED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES RELATING TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

1.	Do you agree with the list of Local Authority functions included here which must be delegated?
	Yes X
	No
2.	If no, please explain why:
3.	Are there any further comments you would like to offer on these draft regulations?
	There is no specific mention of 'sensory impairment' services. It may be that these are covered under the broader heading of 'services for people with a disability', however other services such as aids and equipment are specifically mentioned.

ANNEX 3(D)

PROPOSALS FOR REGULATIONS PRESCRIBING FUNCTIONS THAT MAY OR THAT MUST BE DELEGATED BY A HEALTH BOARD UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

1.	Do you agree with the list of functions (Schedule 1) that may be delegated?
	Yes X No
	If no, please explain why:
2.	Do you agree with the list of services (Schedule 2) that must be delegated as set out in regulations? Yes No If no (i.e. you do not think they include or exclude the right services for
	Integration Authorities), please explain why:

3. Are you clear what is meant by the services listed in Schedule 2 (as described in Annex A)?
Yes X
No
If not, we would welcome your feedback below to ensure we can provide the best description possible of these services, where they may not be applied consistently in practice.
4. Are there any further comments you would like to offer on these draft regulations?
No.

ANNEX 4(D)

PROPOSALS FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OUTCOMES RELATING TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

1. D	o you ag	gree with the prescribed National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes?
	Yes No	X
	If no,	please explain why:
2. D	o you ag	ree that they cover the right areas?
	Yes No	X
3. If	not, which	ch additional areas do you think should be covered by the Outcomes?

4. Do you think that the National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes will be understood by users of services, as well as those planning and delivering them?
Yes X No
5. If not , why not?
6. Are there any further comments you would like to offer on these draft Regulations?
We agree with the prescribed Outcomes and feel they do cover the right areas. Although it is considered that these outcomes will be understood by users of services, as well as those planning and delivering such services, this consideration is under the proviso that these outcomes are communicated in easy read formats.

ANNEX 5(D)

PROPOSALS FOR INTERPRETATION OF WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERMS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONALS RELATING TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

1.	Do you agree that the groups listed in section 2 of the draft regulations prescribe what 'health professional' means for the purposes of the Act?
	Yes X No
2.	If you answered 'no', please explain why:
3.	Do you agree that identifying Social Workers and Social Service Workers through registration with the Scottish Social Services Commission is the most appropriate way of defining Social Care Professionals, for the purposes of the Act?
	Yes X No
4.	If you answered 'no', what other methods of identifying professional would you see as appropriate?

		-	further	comments	you	would	like	to	offer	on	these	draft
No												
	Reg		Regulations?									

PRESCRIBED FUNCTIONS CONFERRED ON A LOCAL AUTHORITY OFFICER RELATING TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

1.	Do you believe that the draft Regulations will effectively achieve the policy intention of the Act?
	Yes X
	No
2.	If not, which part of the draft Regulations do you believe may not effectively achieve the policy intention of the Act, and why?
3.	Are there any further comments you would like to offer on these draft Regulations?
	No.