

Appendix 3: Development of Integration Scheme

- 1.1 A model integration scheme was produced by the Scottish Government's Legal Working Group in consultation with SOLAR (The Society of Local Authority Lawyers & Administrators in Scotland) and the CLO (NHS Central Legal Office). The Aberdeen City integration scheme follows this model and has been significantly developed in line with local requirements.
- 1.2 Careful consideration has been given to the level of detail in the integration scheme – arrangements must be clear and fit for purpose, however they require to retain some flexibility for ongoing development of integration arrangements over the next five years.
- 1.3 Of particular importance to the development of in the integration scheme has been the Scottish Government's guidance entitled "A guide to reviewing an Integration Scheme". This is an internal Scottish Government document which was developed to support Scottish Ministers to review integration schemes when considering them for approval. It provides an overview of what the Scottish Government expect integration schemes to contain. This document was shared with Chief Officers in late December 2014, to support local work to develop integration schemes.
- 1.4 In considering the above guidance, it was noted that further detail required to be added to the Aberdeen City draft integration scheme in order to meet Scottish Minister's expectations and thus approval. Accordingly, the integration scheme has been developed in line with this.
- 1.5 The section on "Clinical and Professional Governance" was completely revised. It was considered that this section in the consultation draft was not sufficiently robust and further work was carried out to strengthen the arrangements, having regard to the Scottish Government's Clinical and Care Governance Framework, other national input and further consideration of the existing local arrangements.

1.6 Other additions have been added to various sections. These do not result in any material changes from the consultation draft, but are included to provide extra information regarding the arrangements, where that is considered to be helpful or necessary to meet the level of detail required.