



## INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

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<b>Report Title</b>	Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report
<b>Report Number</b>	HSCP.18.101
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<b>Consultation Checklist Completed</b>	Yes
<b>Directions Required</b>	No
<b>Appendices</b>	a. Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. This report presents the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report for 2017/18 financial year to the Integration Joint Board. The purpose of the report is to inform Board Members of the role and responsibilities exercised by the Chief Social Work Officer; to provide information on statutory decision making in the period; and to give a progress report on key areas of social work provision within Aberdeen City.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:
- a) note the content of the Annual Report, as attached at Appendix A.

### 3. Summary of Key Information

- 3.1. The role of the Chief Social Work Officer is a statutory post in accordance with the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, as amended by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994. This requires Local Authorities to appoint a single CSWO for the purposes of listed social work functions.



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- 3.2. The required qualifications of the Chief Social Work Officer are set out in regulations and the post holder must be able to demonstrate senior strategic and operational experience. National Guidance on the role was published by the Scottish Government in 2009 and was revised in May 2017. It provides an overview of position, outlining the responsibility for values and standards, complex decision making, particularly in relation to deprivation of liberty decisions and professional leadership. The guidance also covers accountability and reporting arrangements.
- 3.3. The Chief Social Work Officer provides advice to the Council and ACHSCP on social work matters; undertakes decision making in respect of statutory functions and provides professional governance, leadership and accountability for the delivery of social work and social care services, whether they are provided by the Council/ACHSCP or on behalf of the Council by another agency. Social Work in Scotland, an Audit Scotland Report published in September 2016, outlined the increased complexity of the role as follows: “With integration and other changes over recent years, the key role of the Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) has become more complex and challenging. Councils need to ensure that CSWOs have the status and capacity to enable them to fulfil their statutory responsibilities effectively”.
- 3.4. This report is consistent with the content and format guidance laid down by the Chief Social Work Adviser for Scottish Government. The annual report does not provide a complete account of social work activity over the year. Rather it is an opportunity to provide an overview of the range of services and initiatives in social care and to highlight key achievements and challenges.

### 4. Implications for IJB

- 4.1. Equalities – there are no equalities implications
- 4.2. Fairer Scotland Duty – there are no implications for the Fairer Scotland Duty
- 4.3. Financial – there are no financial implications
- 4.4. Workforce – there are no workforce implications
- 4.5. Legal – there are no legal implications
- 4.6. Other – there are no other implications



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### 5. Links to ACHSCP Strategic Plan



5.1. This report presents an overview of the activity within Adult Social Care, which works towards achieving the strategic plan.

### 6. Management of Risk

6.1. Identified risks(s) – NA

6.2. Link to risks on strategic or operational risk register: NA

6.3. How might the content of this report impact or mitigate these risks:  
NA

Approvals	
	Sandra Ross (Chief Officer)
	Alex Stephen (Chief Finance Officer)