

Joint Outcomes Group 26/3/14

Main Points from the Meeting

- As only a few members were able to attend this meeting (which had to be re-arranged) it was decided to have an informal discussion around several aspects of the Joint Outcomes agenda. This proved stimulating and thought provoking.
- Some of the discussion centred around Self-directed Support which comes into force on April 1st of this year. This gives users much more direct control over which services are provided. Health and Social Care departments have to work together and both need to provide funding. It was thought that this collaboration could perhaps provide an insight into how a joint budget might work before budgets are officially merged from April 2015.
- A Chief Officer for the joint board should be appointed very soon.
- There was continued discussion on how best to provide joint training. It was decided that a sub-group would meet to build on work previously done on training needs.
- A bid for Scottish Government funding to support the integration process has been made. This is short term funding for May-March and the outcome should be imminent.
- Finally there was discussion on Locality Planning which is an integral part of the project. This would look at wider health and wellbeing issues including health inequalities. Several suggested ways of defining 'locality' in a Moray context were discussed.

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