s38(1)(b) [redacted]
Mental Health, Social Care
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Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care

LEARNING DISABILITIES (LD) AND NEURODEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORT (ND) - DELIVERABLES AND TIMESCALES FOR PROGRAMME OF WORK

Purpose and Priority

Priority: Routine

1. s29(1) [redacted]

Recommendation

- s29(1) [redacted]

Context and Issues

Programme Alignment: Delivering a stronger NHS and public services

2. s29(1) [redacted]

3. The publication of Programme for Government on 1 Sept, which will omit mention of a LDAN Bill, S30(b)(i) [redacted] programme of engagement with stakeholders to confirm the decision and highlight the alternative actions being taken to improve outcomes.

Consideration and assessment of options

Preferred approach: delivery-focused reform programme

4. s29(1) [redacted]

5. s29(1) [redacted]

6. Additionally this specific work, sits alongside a number of broader Scottish Government programmes that will contribute to improved outcomes for people with learning disabilities, autistic people and neurodivergent people, including:

- s29(1)(a) [redacted]

Legal and/or financial considerations

7. There are no legal considerations.

8. While work is continuing to develop the route-map for the RCPsych 4-level adult ND pathway, in line with the manifesto and 100 Days commitments, funding will still need to be secured to deliver expansion of services and support in line with any proposal. This is likely to be challenging in the face of ongoing financial constraints.

Next Steps

9. You are invited to note the above.

Conclusion

10. You are asked to note the proposed outcomes-focused programme of reform outlined in **Annex A** (separate document).

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