

Ardgowan Hospice Response

1. Do you know how and when you can get involved with the Integration Authorities (IAs) to influence decision making?
A. We are not fully aware of the process in how this can be achieved however we will be presenting at the next IJB meeting on the 14th March outlining Ardgowan Hospice's future plans and the current projects it is involved with. We also sit and lead on the Inverclyde Palliative Care Implementation Group (IPCPIG) which has representation from the HSCP. We understand that this representative will feedback information from this group however it is essential to stress that this individual does not have a palliative care background.
2. Were you consulted in the preparation of the strategic plans or involved with the work of the Strategic Planning Group?
A. Not that I am aware of, my predecessor who left in October 2016 may have however there is no record of this actually happening. My understanding is that the IJB have no specialist palliative care representation on its board.
3. Have you been involved with the work of the Integration Authority following publication of the strategic plan;
A. No. However as per answer to question 1 we are due to present at the next IJB meeting.
4. Have you been involved with the work of the localities / what involvement would you like to have?
**A. The structure is not very well understood. The current CO is due to retire this month and a new CO has been appointed however is not due to commence until May 2017. In terms of "localities" I am assuming this is reference to the IJB?
 I plan to meet with the new CO upon her commencement to encourage closer working relationships and foster partnerships. I believe as the provider of specialist palliative care and primary support agent for the generalists we would be keen to encourage closer involvement.**
5. Do you think your involvement with the IAs has had an impact on decision making?
A. Not yet unless this has occurred through the IPCPIG?? I am not wholly confident of this.
6. What could be done to improve the communication from the IAs
A. Regular meetings and a seat at the IJB. Quite often the IPCPIG meetings are cancelled and therefore any involvement we have through this forum has been invariably ineffective.
7. What could be done to ensure greater collaboration and engagement in the decision making process of IAs?
A. Seat on the board.

Regular IPCPIG meetings with a structured mechanism of feedback into the IA.
Individual meetings with the CO.