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Conference Abstract

Making Sense in Ayrshire

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Abstract

Children, adults and older people with a sensory loss should expect the same seamless provision of assessment, care, support and the same access to employment opportunities, education, leisure, health and social care as everyone else. To achieve this, the Scottish Government set out 'See Hear: A strategic framework for people with sensory loss in Scotland'. This national strategy emphasised the importance of localities and the development of locality plans to reflect local populations and needs in relation to sensory loss.

At present, there are estimated to be around 62,200 people with a hearing loss and 12,440 people with sight loss across Ayrshire and Arran. These figures are set to increase by 50% and double in the next 20 years respectively, without further intervention. Set against this background of increasing demand, there was also a requirement for greater efficiency and effectiveness with the available resources and a desire to improve outcomes and care pathways for people with sensory loss.

On the 8 July 2014, the Ayrshire and Arran Sensory Locality Plan was launched. The first of its kind in Scotland, the plan encompasses sensory loss from cradle to grave, with the primary aim being to improve the outcomes for those people who use sensory services, their families, parents and carers. Adopting a co-production approach, a partnership of health, social care, education wider community services, third and voluntary sector organisations and services users, their families, parents and carers came together across Ayrshire and Arran to develop a model of good practise, setting out the key priorities for those living with or at risk of sensory loss within their local area.

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