

NHS GRAMPIAN

Integration Joint Boards – Regular Update Report (June 2024)

1. Actions Recommended

The Board is asked to note the latest approved minutes of the meetings of the Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray Integration Joint Boards.

2. Strategic Context

Three Integration Joint Boards for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray were established on 6 February 2016 under the terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 with full delegation of functions and resources to enable integration of primary and community health and social care services effective from 1 April 2016. Each IJB is a separate legal organisation and acts as principal in its own right.

The principal ambitions of health and social care integration are to:

- Support the improvement of the quality and consistency of services for patients, carers, service-users and their families.
- Provide seamless, joined-up quality health and social care services in order to care for people in their homes or a homely setting where it is safe to do so.
- Ensure resources are used effectively and efficiently to deliver services.

3. Key matters relevant to recommendation

This report presents the NHS Grampian Board with the latest approved minutes from the Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray IJBs. The key highlights are emphasised below.

3.1. Aberdeen City

The NHS Grampian Board has the following approved minutes from the Aberdeen City Integration Joint Board:

- On the 6 February 2024 (approved 7 May 2024)
- On the 26 March 2024 (approved 7 May 2024)

The key highlights from the **6 February 2024** meeting are:

- The Board considered an update on the implementation of the Complex Care Market Position Statement and information regarding plans to develop and build a new facility offering complex care. The Board agreed the recommendations in the report.
- The Board approved a report on the Annual Procurement Work Plan for 2024/25 for expenditure on social care services, and the associated procurement Business Cases.

- The Board considered the first annual report on the Carers Strategy 2023 – 2026 and noted the progress to date.
- The Board noted a report prepared by the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Lead providing an update on the introduction of a drug checking pilot in Aberdeen.

The key highlights from the **26 March 2024** meeting are:

- The Board approved a report prepared by the Committee Services Officer seeking formal approval of the Chief Officer appointment and updating members on a change to voting membership.
- The Board approved a report outlining the proposed approach to recruiting a replacement for the outgoing Chief Finance Officer of the Integration Joint Board (IJB) (Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership).
- The Board considered the Audited Final Accounts for 2022/23. The Audit Director, Audit Scotland, introduced the report and responded to questions from Members. The Board approved the recommendations in the report.
- The Board approved the recommendations with the report on Medium Term Financial Framework prepared by the Chief Finance Officer which detailed the final levels of funding delegated by Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian for health and social care activities in 2024/25.
- The Board considered a report seeking approval of a new vision and set of objectives for General Practice in Grampian. The Board instructed the Chief Operating Officer to provide an update on the governance arrangements to the IJB meeting on 7 May 2024; (ii) to note that the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee would monitor the risks identified within the report and that a Deeper Dive may be requested should it be deemed necessary; and (iii) to otherwise agree the recommendations.

Papers from meetings that have taken place after the meeting reported on above can be viewed [here](#).

3.2. Aberdeenshire

The NHS Grampian Board has the following approved minutes from the Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board:

- on the 20 March 2024 (approved 29 May 2024)

The key highlights from the **20 March 2024** meeting are:

- The Chief Officer should schedule a development session to examine the issue of delayed discharges, which should include addressing the rights of unpaid carers and duties to unpaid carers legislation.
- Revenue Budget 24/25 – the Board reviewed savings proposals and Officers to give consideration to the impact on unpaid carers referenced in the Shared Lives proposal.
- IJB Committee Audit update - Officers to provide an update on number of outstanding audit recommendations.
- Review of IJB Governance Handbook - Officers clarified a number of minor amendments to wording.

- AHSCP Workforce Planning - Further consideration of Workforce Plan to consider in more detail key challenges, including staff health and wellbeing, staffing, mandatory training, impacts on unpaid carers and 'Carer Positive
- A2D - Digital Telecare - Procurement Proposal 2024- the Board decided to delegate to the Chief Officer following consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair to decide the route for the procurement, and to issue the Direction for the procurement, and a briefing note be circulated to all Members prior to the decision being implemented.

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3.3 Moray

The NHS Grampian Board has the minute from the meeting of the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) held on **28 March 2024** and accepted as a correct record at their meeting on the 30 May 2024. The key highlights from the March meeting for the NHSG Board to note are, the MIJB:

28 March 2024

- Noted the financial position of the Board as at 31 December 2023, showing an overall overspend of £7,110,508 on core services and noted the updated provisional forecast position for 2023/24 of an overspend of £11,210,917 on total budget for core services.
- Approved for issue, the Directions arising from the updated budget position.
- Noted a report by the Chief Financial Officer outlining the budget allocations to the Moray IJB and considered the revenue budget for 2024/25, the estimated funding gap and increase in charges agreed by Moray Council for 2024/25. The Board approved the uplift to social care providers as part of the continued policy commitment made by Scottish Government since November 2021.
- Endorsed the 2024/25 proposed savings plan and requested officers progress to full integrated impact assessments.
- Agreed to note the predicted prescribing budget resource requirements for 2024/25, alongside key drivers for growth and mitigations regarding costs.
- Received a report on the Mental Health Pathway Mapping exercise and implementation of the Moray Mental Health Strategy. The Board requested a more detailed report is prepared for the June MIJB meeting for consideration.
- Approved the vision and objectives for General Practice in Grampian as set out by the Programme Manager, NHS Grampian GP Vision Programme, and requested an update by March 2025.
- Endorsed the actions being taken to continue to deliver Care at Home in Moray and noted the increasing demand on the service.

Papers from all past Moray IJB meetings can be found [here](#)

4. Responsible Chief Officers and contact for further information

A considerable number of other items were considered by the IJBs. If any Health Board members would like further clarification on any particular item then please contact:

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