

Membership of Moray Integration Joint Board – Proposed Increase

1. Actions Recommended

To request NHS Grampian increase voting membership of Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) by one.

2. Strategic Context

The Public Bodies Joint Working (Scotland) Act 2014 (“the Act”) and the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 (“the Order”) sets out requirements about the membership of an Integration Joint Board.

The MIJB is a legal entity that binds Grampian Health Board (GHB) and Moray Council together in a joint arrangement. The voting membership of the MIJB reflects equal participation by GHB and Moray Council to ensure that there is joint decision making and accountability.

The Order requires that the Local Authority and Health Board put forward a minimum of three voting member nominees each. This number may be increased by local agreement, but the same number must be nominated by each party. Local Authorities can insist on nominating a maximum of 10% of their full number of Councillors. For Moray Council this would be 3 members. However, the Health Board and Local Authority may also agree that they will each nominate a larger number than this.

The MIJB have operated with 3 voting members from both GHB and Moray Council since inception in 2016 and these members take the role of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, the Audit Performance and Risk Committee and Clinical Care and Governance Committee.

3. Key matters relevant to recommendation

There have been few occasions where committees could not be held because they were not quorate.

A query was raised with other local authorities to see what level of membership they provided, and, of those who responded, it identified that most had 4 members, although Aberdeenshire had 5.

The MIJB is currently in a shadow year of preparations for Children’s Social Work and Criminal Justice services to be considered for delegation to the MIJB.

To provide greater resilience and wider scrutiny across MIJB committees the MIJB Chair and Interim Chief Officer proposed that the number of voting members be increased by one from each partner organisation.

This proposal was presented to MIJB on 29 September 2020 in a report that also outlined that if an increase in voting members was approved by Moray Council and GHB, it would require an amendment to section 3.1 of the Health and Social Care Integration Scheme that was previously agreed by the MIJB at their meeting on 26 April 2018 (para 10 of the minute refers).

MIJB agreed to progress the proposal and subsequently a report was submitted to Moray Council 28 October 2020 where the recommendation to provide an additional voting member for the MIJB was agreed.

4. Risk Mitigation

The additional voting members will reduce the risk that there will be insufficient scrutiny of business and lessen the risk of meetings not taking place due to a failure to achieve quoracy.

5. Responsible System Leadership Team Member and contact for further information

If you require any further information in advance of the Board meeting please contact:

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