



MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

Thursday, 26 January 2023

Council Chambers, Council Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX

PRESENT

Mr Ivan Augustus, Professor Siladitya Bhattacharya, Councillor Peter Bloomfield, Mr Simon Bokor-Ingram, Mr Sean Coady, Councillor Tracy Colyer, Councillor John Divers, Ms Karen Donaldson, Ms Sonya Duncan, Mr Stuart Falconer, Mr Graham Hilditch, Councillor Scott Lawrence, Mr Derick Murray, Ms Deborah O'Shea, Mr Sandy Riddell, Mr Dennis Robertson

APOLOGIES

Mr Roddy Burns, Ms Jane Ewen, Professor Caroline Hiscox, Dr Paul Southworth, Mrs Val Thatcher

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance at the above meeting Brian Howarth, External Audit, Location Manager and Chief Nurse, Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership, Iain MacDonald, Locality Manager, Interim Strategy and Planning Lead, Practice Manager, Moray Coast Medical Practice and Peter McLean.

1. Chair

The meeting was chaired by Mr Dennis Robertson.

2. Order of Business

The Chair sought agreement from the Board that Items 8 and 9 would be taken after item 4 on the agenda to allow the External Auditor to attend another meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

3. Declaration of Member's Interests

The Board noted that there were no declarations of Member's interests.

4. Minute of Meeting of 24 November 2022

The minute of the meeting of 24 November 2022 was submitted and approved.

5. Action Log - 24 November 2022

The Action Log of the meeting of 24 November 2022 was discussed and updated accordingly.

6. External Auditors Report to Those Charged with Governance Report

A report by the Interim Chief Financial Officer requested the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) consider and note the reports to those charged with governance from the Board's External Auditor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The External Auditor introduced the report and highlighted a change which had been made to Note 3 - Events after the Reporting Period and it now read:

The unaudited accounts were issued by Deborah O'Shea, Interim Chief Financial Officer on 30 June 2022 and the audited accounts were authorised for issue on 26 January 2023. Events taking place after this date are not reflected in the financial statements or notes.

The Scottish Government on the 16 January 2023 advised the IJBs of the intention to request that unspent monies in the earmarked Covid reserves are to be returned as they were for specific purposes and are not to be used to fund day to day expenditure. The amount for Moray IJB is £6.2 million. The accounts have not been adjusted for this amount, as the technical advice provided by CIPFA confirms that this is not an adjusting event but a disclosure in the 2021/22 accounts.

In December 2022 the IJB was notified of costs relating to two out of area placements. Following receipt of the Scottish Government decision on ordinary residence for the first placement, the IJB is due to pay £0.7 million covering the period from October 2018 to 31 March 2022. The surplus on provision of services and reserves are overstated by this amount but the annual accounts have not been adjusted as this amount is not considered material. The IJB has not accepted responsibility for the second placement and this is considered to be a contingent liability until the individual's ordinary residence is agreed or determined by the Scottish Government.

Councillor Lawrence confirmed that the Audit, Performance and Risk Committee had agreed to recommend the accounts to the Board for approval.

The Board joined the Chair in thanking the External Auditor and following consideration the Board agreed to note the reports from the External Auditor within Appendices 1 and 2.

7. Audited Annual Accounts 2021-22

A report by the Interim Chief Financial Officer submitted to the Board the Audited Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Following consideration the Board approved the Audited Annual Accounts for the financial year 2021/22.

8. Chief Officer Report

A report by the Chief Officer informed the Board of the Chief Officer activities that support the delivery against the Moray Integration Joint Board's (MIJB's) strategic priorities articulated in the Strategic Plan, and the delivery against the 9 Health and Wellbeing outcomes. Key work for the Partnership includes the implementation of Home First; remobilisation from the covid pandemic; supporting measures for the reduction of local covid transmission; and budget control.

Following consideration the Board agreed:

- i) note the content of the report; and
- ii) that transforming services to meet the aspirations of the MIJB's Strategic Plan remains a priority, with a focus on key objectives as we remobilise from the Covid-19 pandemic, along with a look ahead as we continue to develop our strategic planning.

9. Membership of Board and Committees

A report by the Corporate Manager informed the Board of changes to Membership. This is due to the appointment to the vacancies of Chief Social Work Officer, Non Primary Medical Services Lead and ongoing recruitment of the GP Vacancy.

Following consideration the Board agreed to note the:

- i) confirmation of appointment of members to the Integration Joint Board;
- ii) confirmation of appointment of members to the Clinical and Care Governance Committee; and
- iii) updated membership of the Board and Committees attached at Appendix 1.

10. Aberdeenshire Hosted Services

A report by the Location Manager and Chief Nurse, Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership informed the Board of the current position in relation to the services where Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board are the 'host' Integration Joint Board (IJB).

Following consideration the Board agreed to note the current position in relation to the services where Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board are the 'host' IJB.

11. Lossiemouth Locality Community Consultation

A report by the Locality Manager informed the Board of the outcome of the community consultation activity relating to the development of health and wellbeing services within the Lossiemouth locality with a particular emphasis on the future model of General Medical Services (GMS).

The Chair proposed a short adjournment in order to agree the wording for amendments to the recommendations in the report. This was unanimously agreed.

On the resumption of the meeting and following lengthy consideration the Board agreed:

- i) to note the position statement of Moray coast Medical Practice on not returning to work in the branch surgeries;
- ii) to note the community Consultation Report and the community views on the continued closure of the branch surgeries;
- iii) note the sustainable model of service delivery recommended by Health and Social Care Moray;
- iv) approve a model of health and care provision that maintains a local focus on Burghead and Hopeman and ensures that services respond to local need, utilising the opportunities of a multi-disciplinary community team, supported by primary care. Use of existing and emerging technology must be promoted within the locality, using the opportunity afforded by the Digital Health Innovation strand of the Moray Growth Deal. . Further reports will be provided that describe the development of health and care provision across the Lossiemouth Locality in partnership with the local community; and
- v) to work with partners to establish a sustainable transport solution, such as a Coastal Dial a bus and/or an alternative that will meet the needs of residents attending medical appointments

12. Moray Scheme of Integration Report

A report by the Interim Strategy and Planning Lead informed the Board of progress in relation to updating the Scheme of Integration to reflect the decision to delegate Children and Families and Justice Social Work Services to Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB).

Following consideration the Board agreed:

- i) approve the amendments to the Integration Scheme;
- ii) the submission of the Integration Scheme to the Scottish Government for final approval subject to approval by Moray Council and NHS Grampian at their meetings on 2 February 2023; and
- iii) the implementation of the transition of the statutory responsibility of Children's Services from Moray Council to the MIJB following the final Scottish Government approval.

13. Recruitment Challenges and Opportunities in Moray

A report by the Interim Strategy and Planning Lead informed the Board of challenges and opportunities for the recruitment and retention of staff in Moray.

Following consideration the Board agreed the priorities contained in section 4.2.1 of this report.

14. Reserves Policy Review

A report by the Interim Chief Financial Officer sought approval from the Board on its Reserves Policy.

Following consideration the Board agreed:

- i) to approve the Reserves Policy as detailed in Appendix 1; and
- ii) that the next review will be no later than March 2024.