



Board Meeting  
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Item 15.11

## **MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

**Thursday, 29 June 2023**

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

### **PRESENT**

Professor Siladitya Bhattacharya, Councillor Peter Bloomfield, Mr Simon Bokor-Ingram, Councillor Tracy Colyer, Councillor John Divers, Ms Sonya Duncan, Ms Jane Ewen, Councillor Scott Lawrence, Dr Robert Lockhart, Mr Derick Murray, Ms Deborah O'Shea, Mr Sandy Riddell, Ms Elizabeth Robinson, Dr Malcolm Simmons, Ms Tracy Stephen, Mr Kevin Todd

### **APOLOGIES**

Mr Ivan Augustus, Professor Duff Bruce, Mr Roddy Burns, Mr Sean Coady, Mr Stuart Falconer, Mr Graham Hilditch, Professor Caroline Hiscox, Mr Dennis Robertson, Dr Paul Southworth, Mrs Val Thatcher

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Also in attendance at the above meeting were Iain MacDonald, Locality Manager, Practice Manager, Moray Coast Medical Centre, Marie Simpson, DHI Project Manager, Interim Planning and Strategy Lead and Democratic Services Manager.

#### **1. Declaration of Member's Interests**

Mr Sandy Riddell declared an interest in Item 14 - Older Adult Psychiatry Update as Chair of the Mental Welfare Commission Scotland. The Board noted that there were no other declarations of member's interests.

#### **2. Minutes of meeting of 25 May 2023**

The minute of the meeting of 25 May 2023 was submitted and approved.

#### **3. Action Log of 25 May 2023**

The Action Log of the meeting of 25 May 2023 was discussed and updated accordingly.

#### **4. 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.

Mr Riddell sought a more definitive update on the Ward 4 Anti-Ligature Work and Installation of MRI scanner at Dr Gray's Hospital as the information in the report had been the same for the last couple of Chief Officer Reports.

In response, the Chief Officer confirmed that the Project Manager will provide an update for the next meeting of the Board.

Following consideration the Board agreed:

- i) note the content of the report;
- ii) that transforming services to meet the aspirations of the MIJB's Strategic Plan remains a priority; and
- iii) to delegate authority to the Chief Officer and the Standards Officer to enter into the joint agreement arrangements with the North East Alliance, to work with Public Health Scotland for the benefit of Moray residents on behalf of the Moray Health and Social Care Partnership.

#### **5. Revenue Budget Outturn 2022-23**

A report by the Interim Chief Financial Officer informed the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) of the financial outturn for 2022/23 for the core budgets and the impact this outturn will have on the 2023/24 budget.

Following consideration the Board agreed to:

- i) note the unaudited revenue outturn position for the financial year 2022/23;
- ii) note the impact of the 2022/23 outturn on the 2023/24 revenue budget;
- iii) approve the repayment to NHS Grampian of £1,178,000 of the unused earmarked Covid reserves, as detailed in para 8.3; and
- iv) approve the issue, the Directions in Appendix 4 to NHS Grampian and Moray Council.

#### **6. Unaudited Annual Accounts**

A report by the Interim Chief Financial Officer informed the Board of the Unaudited Annual Accounts of the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Councillor Lawrence as Chair of the Audit, Performance and Risk Committee confirmed that the Committee had met and agreed the Unaudited Accounts as presented.

Following consideration the Board agreed to note:

- i) the unaudited Annual Accounts prior to their submission to the external auditor, noting that all figures remain subject to audit;
- ii) the Annual Governance Statement contained within the unaudited Annual Accounts; and
- iii) the accounting policies applied in the production of the unaudited Annual Accounts, pages 46 to 47 of the accounts.

## **7. Local Code of Corporate Governance Update**

A report by the Interim Chief Financial Officer provided the Board with an opportunity to comment on the updated sources of assurance for informing the governance principles as set out in the Chartered Institute of Public Finance (CIPFA) /Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework document. Also for information the self assessment of good practice as set out in the CIPFA "Audit Committee Member in Local Authority" 2022.

The Interim Chief Financial Officer advised the Board that following the submission of the report to the Audit, Performance and Risk Committee earlier, it had been picked up that the Audit, Performance and Risk Committee had been omitted from Appendix 1 - Principle F table and this would be amended in due course.

Following consideration the Board agreed to:

- i) note the content of this report;
- ii) note the sources of assurance utilised in reviewing and assessing the effectiveness of the MIJB's governance arrangements;
- iii) approve the updated Local Code of Corporate Governance which supports the Annual Governance Statement, in Appendix 1; and
- iv) approve the self assessment of good practice in Appendix 2.

## **8. Lossie Locality Health and Wellbeing Services Progress Update**

A report by the Locality Manager informed the Board on the progress made in relation to the development of health and care services within the Lossiemouth Locality, in partnership with the local community and practitioners.

Councillor Colyer informed the Board, Officers and members of the community in attendance and watching online that she declared an interest in Item 5 of the agenda at the meeting of Moray Council held on 28 June 2023 in regards to the Notice of Motion pertaining to the Save Our Surgeries (SOS) Notice of Motion. She further added that as Vice chair and a voting member and in accordance with legal advice and para 2.5 of Standard Commission for Scotland's advice note for members of

Health and Social Care Integration Joint Boards, she felt precluded from debating the Notice of Motion and removed herself from the meeting, as did the 3 other voting members and 2 substitute members.

She went on to express disappointment at a post on the SOS Facebook page which stated that the whole Council had backed the Notice of Motion as this was not the case, as there was no vote and it was agreement of the remaining Council members that the Council Leader would write to the Chair and Vice Chair and she confirmed that a letter had been received.

As Vice Chair of the Board she stated that as an IJB the Board not only deal with the challenges in from of it at any particular point in time, but also need to look at the future and vision and how time and resources are balanced across all parts of the business and communities as equitably as possible.

As a Board there is a duty to understand the impacts of the decisions made and the Board need to explore more about the potential impacts on individuals with the 2 branch surgeries not having operated for over 3 years.

Councillor Bloomfield asked whether the Chair could write to Moray Coast Medical Practice asking them to meet with the SOS Group.

In response, the Practice Manager confirmed that an email had been send to arrange a meeting and it is anticipated that this meeting will take place in the next couple of weeks.

The Chair sought clarification on whether it was still Moray Coast Medical Practice's preference to deliver its services from one building in Lossiemouth and not re-open the branch surgeries in Burghead and Hopeman as indicated in the report to the Board on 26 January 2023.

In response, the Practice Manager confirmed that this was still the case.

The Chair asked Dr Lockhart on whether the Maryhill Medical Practice had re-considered their decision not to take on and staff the branch surgeries in Burghead and Hopeman and whether as a practising GP did he think that operating without a multi-disciplinary team was offering the best level of care to patients.

Dr Lockhart confirmed that the decision had not been re-considered and Maryhill Medical Practice would not take on the branch surgeries. He further added that in his opinion having a practice without a multi disciplinary team was note offering patients the best level of care.

The Chief Officer sought clarification from the Practice Manager on the number of complaints the practice had received regarding the closure of the branch surgeries and the transport provided.

In response, the Practice Manager had confirmed there had been complaints about closing the surgeries but no complaints about the transport provision.

Mr MacDonald further added that there had been extensive promotion about the M-Connect service within the area which is now available to be booked an hour in advance either by telephoning or on the M-Connect App. 3 busses now operate in the area and run between 9.30am and 2.30pm. He further added that when a patient calls the surgery, there is a prompt in the initial recorded message to alert the call

handler if the patient may have a transport issue getting to the surgery. The call handler will then facilitate the caller to arrange transport. Appointments are then prioritised between 10am and 2pm to co-ordinate with the M-Connect service. A contract for a taxi service is also in place but as yet, no-one has used the service.

He further added that from the start of 2023 to the end of June, 28 people have used the M-Connect service to attend medical appointments and also concession cards can be used on the service.

He expressed concern that anecdotally he has heard that some residents are struggling to use the service and urged the community to come forward with specific examples to allow the specific issues to be looked and allow officers to look at improving the service further. Further meetings are scheduled with the Public Transport Unit within Moray Council to look at developing the service in the future.

Councillor Lawrence was pleased to hear that a meeting between the Moray Coast Medical Practice and the SOS Group is being arranged but asked whether there is any more community engagement scheduled.

In response Mr Macdonald confirmed that as part of the Locality Planning Group, there are members from each Community Council represented, which include some members of the SOS group. An offer has been made to increase the community membership to 3 from 2. He further added that an offer has gone out to community groups that representatives from the practice would be happy to go out and discuss various topics, including transport, digital technology and patient appointments.

Councillor Bloomfield asked whether the school holidays meant that the time constraints could be removed and the operating hours of the M-Connect service could be extended.

Mr Macdonald agreed to discuss the option with the Public Transport Unit at the Council.

Following lengthy discussion and consideration about the GP practices in the whole of Moray, the Board agreed to note:

- i) the progress made in relation to the development of health and social care provision across the Lossiemouth Locality; in partnership with the local community and practitioners;
- ii) the progress made in relation to the use of existing and emerging technology within the locality, using the opportunity afforded by the Digital Health Innovation strand of the Moray Growth Deal; and
- iii) the update regarding a sustainable transport solution, that will meet the needs of residents attending medical appointments.

## **9. Moray Growth Deal**

A report by the Interim Strategy and Planning Lead informed the Board of the progress from the Moray Growth Deal investment on Health and Social Care (HSCM) Transformation in Moray.

During consideration a number of members of the Board expressed concern about the terminology used in the report and said it would be difficult for staff and service users to understand what the benefits of the project were and indeed what the project entailed.

They further added that it was essential that there was clear evidence on what the £5million was spent on, and that there was clear evidence and outcomes on what the project was going to deliver.

Following lengthy consideration the Board agreed to note the content of the report.

## **10. Strategic Transformation Plan**

A report by the Interim Strategy and Planning Lead informed the Board on the developments of the Strategic Delivery Plan 2023-2025.

Following consideration the Board agreed to approve the MIJB Strategic Priorities and the plan for developing and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

## **11. Moray Daytime Unscheduled Care Service**

A report by the Head of Service informed the Board of progress made in relation to a Moray Daytime Unscheduled Care Service 10 week test of change, which took place during January 2023 – March 2023.

Mr Murray noted that the evaluation report on the project would be completed at the end of June and sought clarification on whether there would be a further report to the Board.

In response, the Chief Officer confirmed that a report will be brought to the next meeting of the Clinical and Care Governance Committee and if any changes are required to the Service, a following up report would be presented to the Board.

Following consideration the Board agreed to note the findings of the test of change and the recommendations regarding a sustainable model solution, that will potentially meet the needs of patients requiring unscheduled medical treatment within daytime hours.

## **12. Childrens Services Self Directed Support Budget Overspend**

A report by the Head of Service and Chief Social Work Officer informed the Board of the overspend to the Children's Services Self Directed Support budget in 2022/23.

The Chair moved to defer the report to the next meeting of the Board, to allow for more information to be provided as it was felt that some of the information needs elaborated on to allow a fuller picture of the issues.

This was unanimously agreed by the Board.

## **13. Older Adult Psychiatry Update**

A report by the Head of Service and Chief Social Work Officer provided an update to the Board with regards to the Older Adult Consultant Psychiatrist post which has remained vacant for a number of years.

Mr Riddell expressed concern about the issues within this small team and that they are no further forward despite the issues being ongoing for 3-4 years. This was also echoed by Dr Lockhart.

The Head of Service/Chief Social Worker confirmed that the new Service Manager is taking up post on 1 August and time needs to be given to allow her to make changes to the service within Moray.

Following consideration the Board agreed to note the update related to older adult psychiatry/mental health services.

#### **14. Moray Annual Performance Report 2022-23**

A report by the Chief Officer presented the Board with the draft Annual Performance Report 2022/23.

Following consideration the Board agreed to:

- i) note the draft Annual Performance Report 2022/23 at Appendix 1; and
- ii) approve the publication of the Annual Performance Report 2022/23 by 31 July 2023.