

NHS GRAMPIAN

Integration Joint Boards – Regular Update Report (October 2021)

1. Actions Recommended

The Board is asked to note the latest approved minutes of the meetings of the Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire 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 and Aberdeenshire IJBs. The key highlights are emphasised below. Due to the timing of meetings there are no approved minutes available from the Moray IJB.

3.1. Aberdeen City

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

- on the 6 July 2021 (approved 24 August)

The key highlights from the **6 July 2021** meeting were:

- Received a report highlighting the publication of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care (IRASC) (Feeley Report) commissioned by the Scottish Government. Members were advised that the Feeley Report provided the new narrative for social care, focusing on achieving better outcomes with a statement of intent that very much aligned with the Board's Strategic Plan.
- Received an update on the recently introduced National Whistleblowing Standards and proposed a draft Whistleblowing Policy for the IJB and instructed the Chief Officer to report on a quarterly basis on any

whistleblowing incidents raised under the Standards to the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee and NHS Grampian Board.

- Received an update with regards to market facilitation activity during the previous 12 months.
- Approved the Justice Social Work Delivery plan and instructed the Chief Officer to present an annual update to the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee on the progress being made with the implementation of this delivery plan.
- Endorsed the proposed Locality Plans for North, South and Central localities and instructed the Chief Officer to report to the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee in 12 months with an update on locality planning including implementation of the locality plans.
- Approved the recommendations outlined in the Carers Strategy report and instructed the Chief Officer to consider how to provide assurance to the IJB on current delivery.

3.2. Aberdeenshire

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

- on the 19 May 2021 (approved 21 July)

IJB meetings have continued to be held virtually using Skype technology. Public items of the meeting are live streamed as the meeting is taking place and a recording is then available on the Aberdeenshire Council website thereafter.

The key highlights from the **May** meeting are:

- The IJB welcomed a verbal report from the Partnership Manager North (for the Chief Officer) highlighting continued Covid specific demand, Covid vaccine delivery, the National Whistleblowing Standards launch on 1 April 2021 and ongoing work in respect of Frailty.
- An update on the IJBs financial position from the Chief Finance Officer.
- An update report from the Audit Committee.
- A report to agree membership of the Audit Committee.
- A report on the Aberdeenshire Autism Strategy.
- A report on the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) Governance and appointment of a new Chair to the ADP.
- Agreed to instruct officers to carry out a strategic needs assessment for residents of Inch and surrounding area to develop options for future health and social care services.

3.3. Moray

There are no approved minutes available.

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