



ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE – 11 DECEMBER 2019

INTERNAL AUDIT – GP PRESCRIBING (AN05/19)

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ABSTRACT

To update Audit Committee members on the outcomes of the Internal Audit report regarding the review of GP Prescribing.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board Audit Committee:-

- (i) note the Internal Audit review of GP Prescribing; and
- (ii) agree to the associated management response/action and ask for an update on progress against actions at future Audit Committee meetings.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As previously noted at the August IJB Audit Committee the IJB's Internal Auditors have previously completed report regarding GP Prescribing. The finalised report was not available for the August 2019 meeting but was circulated after the meeting for information. The final version of it is now reflected in this report including suggested action and management response. The outcome of this Internal Audit is report AN05/19 now attached at Appendix 1. The audit report has graded the IJB as being provided with "moderate assurance", one level below the top grading of "comprehensive Assurance".
- 2.2 Most Internal Audits contain a series of Internal Audit recommendations and related management responses. In this audit 3 actions are set out in the attached appendix and it is recommended that the associated planned management responses are agreed to with an update regarding progress with these brought back to future Audit Committee meetings (alongside updates regarding other Internal Audit report outstanding actions).
- 2.3 It should be noted that in completing the most significant action, being to "more clearly set out SMART objectives", the IJB will need to acknowledge that SMART-type objectives can only realistically be applied to the more material parts of the IJB's overall Prescribing plans and that much of the IJB's Prescribing plans do included multiple smaller pieces of work that are potentially not suitable for SMART-type objectives.

3. REPORT DISTRIBUTION

Reflecting previous discussions, covering reports set out the intended wider distribution of final Internal Audit reports after consideration at Audit Committee. This does not affect the feedback mechanisms which will continue to be via the Audit Committee.

Internal Audit Report Distribution – AN05/19 – GP Prescribing

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Note – Report already circulated to Tayside Prescribing Management Group.

4. CONCLUSION

The Audit Committee is requested to note the Internal Audit report regarding GP Prescribing and to agree to the associated management response/action and ask for an update on progress against actions at future Audit Committee meetings.

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1:- Angus IJB Internal Audit Service GP Prescribing Report No. AN05/19