



ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE – 23 JUNE 2021

EXTERNAL REPORTS

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to update the IJB Audit Committee regarding the evaluation of Microsoft Team (MST) Channel which has been established to share external, often national, reports that are of interest to the IJB Audit Committee.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) Note the results of the evaluation of the IJB External Report MST Channel and support the recommendation to move to this format for sharing reports going forward, and
- (ii) Support the expansion of the membership of the External Reports MST Channel to include all IJB members

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 On a regular basis reports are published by external bodies that are relevant and useful to Angus IJB. Previously Audit Scotland recommended that Angus IJB consider the relevant Audit Scotland reports on a regular basis. The principle associated with Audit Scotland reports is also extended to other relevant reports. This report to the IJB Audit Committee highlights reports of relevance, but also notes specific issues or potential actions that could emanate from those reports.

Since August 2020 there has been a Microsoft Teams (MST) channel where a number of relevant external reports have been added. This gives members of the MST channel sight of these reports promptly and a chance to comment on them. Some of these reports are reflected in the reports in the list below for completeness. An evaluation of the scope to move this function (of sharing reports) away from an IJB Audit Committee report into a supported MST channel has been undertaken. The feedback is attached at appendix 1.

2.2 While this feedback is limited it does indicate a sense that this new way of sharing reports (via the MST channel) has potential benefits going forward as follows:-

- a) It allows reports to be shared more promptly – noting the IJB Audit Committee only meets 4 times per annum.
- b) It allows the spread of participants in the MST channel to be readily expanded to include all IJB Board members.
- c) It allows an opportunity for members to feed back comments on reports.

- 2.3 To ensure this works smoothly and most productively the following will be required:-
- a) The IJB's Improvement and Development team to oversee the maintenance of this MST channel.
 - b) For the IJB's Executive Management Team and others to be actively and regularly made aware of the opportunity to share reports with IJB members through this route and to be encouraged to provide brief commentary on posted reports.
 - c) For IJB members, to ensure they manage their "notifications" for this new MST channel effectively.

On that basis it is now recommended that the IJB adopts use of MST Channels to share External reports with all IJB members as described above.

It is further recommended that an annual summary of External Reports made available through this mechanism is documented at the IJB's Audit Committee at the end of every calendar year (e.g. December meeting of the IJB Audit Committee). This will provide ongoing continuity and potentially a point of further review if required.

- 2.4 This report would routinely list reports of interest in the recent months. Partly due to the time of year and potentially recent elections, there have been limited national reports issued since the last update to the IJB Audit Committee.
- 2.5 Appendix 2 gives some examples of reports previously listed on the MST channel. This could be seen to be indicative of future content.

3 CONCLUSION

3.1 The IJB Audit Committee is required to:

- 1) Note the results of the evaluation of the IJB External Report MST Channel and support the recommendation to move to this format for sharing reports going forward, with this being taken forward as described at 2.3, and
- 2) Support the expansion of the membership of the External Reports MST Channel to include all IJB members

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Appendix 1 – Evaluation of use of Microsoft teams Channels for sharing External reports
Appendix 2 – Examples of Reports previously circulated via the MST Channel.

Appendix 1 - Evaluation of use of Microsoft teams Channels for sharing External reports

Results from evaluation

Question 1

Do you read the reports that are published on the IJB External Reports Team?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	2
No	0
Sometimes	2

Question 2 (Tick all that apply)

If answered No/Sometimes (to question 1), please tick all that apply:

Answer Choices	Responses
Reports are too long	1
Report is not of interest	2
Lack of time to read reports	2

Q3 I would not have been aware of the reports had they not been published in the IJB External Reports Team...

Answer Choices	Responses
All of the time	0
Some of the time	4
None of the time	0

Q4 Do you find the range of reports helpful?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	4
No	0

Q5 Do you receive notifications about new reports?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	3
No	1

Q6 Do you think access to the IJB External Reports should be extended to all IJB members?

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	4
No	0

Appendix 2 - Listing of Reports previously circulated via the MST Channel

Published By	Title	Date	Link
Public Health Scotland	Monitoring and evaluation of primary care in Scotland	September 2020	http://www.healthscotland.scot/publications/monitoring-and-evaluation-of-primary-care-in-scotland-the-baseline-position
Audit Scotland	Best Value Assurance Report Dundee City Council	September 2020	https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/uploads/docs/report/2020/bv_200929_dundee.pdf This is included for information as it refers to a neighbouring Local Authority.
Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland	My Support My Choice – People's Experiences of Self-Directed Support and Social Care in Scotland	October 2020	https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/blog/resources/my-support-my-choice-peoples-experiences-of-self-directed-support-and-social-care-in-scotland-reports/
Health Improvement Scotland	Supporting person-centred care in COVID-19 situations	October 2020	https://ihub.scot/media/7439/20201023-pcc-learning-system-findings-report-v10.pdf?utm_source=Sign+up+form&utm_campaign=b80863a8e8-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_11_19_03_41_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d4e0eeefa3-b80863a8e8-182035925
Public Health Scotland	Public Health Scotland Strategic Plan 2020-23	September 2020	https://publichealthscotland.scot/downloads/public-health-scotland-strategic-plan-2020-23/
Scottish Government	Preparing the NHS for winter during a pandemic	November 2020	https://www.gov.scot/news/preparing-the-nhs-for-winter-during-a-pandemic/
Carnegie Trust	Preparing the NHS for winter during a pandemic	December 2020	https://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/publications/covid-19-and-communities-listening-project-a-shared-response-accessible-version/
Audit Scotland	Covid-19: Balancing the budget in councils	December 2020	https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/report/covid-19-balancing-the-budget-in-councils
Audit Scotland	Covid-19: Going concern in the public sector	December 2020	https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/report/covid-19-going-concern-in-the-public-sector
Scottish Government	Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland	February 2021	https://www.gov.scot/groups/independent-review-of-adult-social-care/
Audit Scotland	NHS in Scotland 2020	February 2021	https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/report/nhs-in-scotland-2020
Scottish Government	Digital Strategy for Scotland, "A Changing Nation: How Scotland Will Thrive In A Digital World"	March 2021	https://www.gov.scot/publications/a-changing-nation-how-scotland-will-thrive-in-a-digital-world/
Scottish Government	Autism campaign	March 2021	https://differentminds.scot/

Published By	Title	Date	Link
The Alliance	Health, Wellbeing and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Scottish Experiences and Priorities.	March 2021	The ALLIANCE have published a new Report: https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/people-and-networks/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Health-Wellbeing-and-the-COVID-19-Pandemic-Final-Report.pdf
Scottish Government and COSLA	Planning with People, Community Engagement and Participation guidance.	March 2021	https://www.gov.scot/publications/planning-people/
Public Health Scotland	Research from the Scottish Burden of Disease Study examining the health impact of COVID-19 in 2020	March 2021	http://www.scotpho.org.uk/comparative-health/burden-of-disease/sbod-covid-19/
Social Work Scotland	Social work Leadership during COVID-19.	March 2021	https://socialworkscotland.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Iriss-Social-work-leadership-covid19FINAL.pdf