

MINUTE of MEETING of the **ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD** held remotely on Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 2.00pm.

Present: Voting Members of Integration Joint Board

EMMA-JANE WELLS, Non-Executive Board Member, NHS Tayside – Chair
Councillor BOB MYLES, Angus Council - Vice Chair
Councillor JULIE BELL, Angus Council
Councillor LOIS SPEED, Angus Council
PETER DAVIDSON, Non-Executive Board Member, NHS Tayside
PETER DRURY, Non-Executive Board Member, NHS Tayside

Non Voting Members of Integration Joint Board

GAIL SMITH, Chief Officer
SANDY BERRY, Chief Finance Officer
PETER BURKE, Carer's Representative
CHRIS BOYLE, Staff Representative, Angus Council
ALISON CLEMENT, Clinical Director
SARAH DICKIE, Associate Nurse Director
ELAINE HENRY, Registered Medical Practitioner
ANDREW JACK, Service User Representative
KATHRYN LINDSAY, Chief Social Work Officer
HAYLEY MEARNS, Third Sector Representative
NICKY WORRALL, Independent Sector Representative (Item 4 onwards)

Advisory Officers

GEORGE BOWIE, Head of Community Health and Care Services, AHSCP
DAVID COULSON, Associate Director of Pharmacy, NHS Tayside
EMMA FLETCHER, Director of Public Health, NHS Tayside
JILLIAN GALLOWAY, Head of Community Health and Care Services, AHSCP
DAVID SHAW, Interim Associate Medical Director, NHS Tayside
DAVID THOMPSON, Manager, Legal Team 1, Angus Council

Observer

EUNICE MCLENNAN, Head of Community Health and Care Services, AHSCP

EMMA-JANE WELLS, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair, on behalf of the Board, extended appreciation to all AHSCP staff and partners for their hardwork and service delivery during these challenging times.

On behalf of the Board, the Chair welcomed Eunice McLennan to the meeting, as an Observer, and prior to her taking up the new post of Head of Community Health and Care Services on 1 March 2022. Also advised members that this was David Thompson's, last IJB meeting and on behalf of the Board, paid tribute to David for the legal advice and support provided since the beginning of integration and wished him well for the future. David responded by thanking members and officers including Gail Smith, Sandy Berry, George Bowie and Jillian Galloway and all their predecessors in office. He also thanked Karen Maillie for her invaluable support over the years.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Barbara Tucker, Staff Representative, NHS Tayside.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. MINUTES INCLUDING ACTION LOG

(a) PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board of 8 December 2021 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(b) ACTION LOG

The action log of the Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board of 8 December 2021 was submitted and noted.

(c) AUDIT COMMITTEE

The minute of meeting of the Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board Audit Committee of 8 December 2021 was submitted and noted.

Having experienced some internet connection issues, Councillor Speed re-joined the meeting.

At this stage, the Associate Nurse Director and the Third Sector Representative joined the meeting.

4. APPOINTMENTS

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 27 October 2021, there was submitted Report No IJB 3/22 by the Chief Officer to advise of the resignation of a non voting member of the IJB and to agree to the appointment of a non voting member to the Board in respect of commercial providers of social care.

The Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to note that Ivan Cornford had intimated his resignation as a non voting member of the Board in respect of commercial provider of social care; and
- (ii) to appoint Nicky Worrall, Independent Sector Lead for Angus at Scottish Care, as a non-voting member of the Board in respect of commercial providers of social care.

5. LISTEN LEARN CHANGE

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 8 December 2021, members noted that an Oversight Scrutiny Group had been established on behalf of Scottish Government to provide a review of progress against Listen Learn Change (LLC) recommendations. Members of the Oversight Group had met with key stakeholders and provided feedback against the RAG status on recommendations. Angus HSCP representatives had fully engaged and contributed to the process including participating in review of evidence, collated in a central repository, to support progress status. There was one specific recommendation for Angus HSCP in relation to the introduction of a 7 Day Service. Members recalled updates provided in previous IJB reports that this was to be implemented fully in September 2021 and evaluation was currently ongoing. Angus HSCP representatives also continued to work to ensure appropriate contribution to all other recommendations from LLC and indeed progress the work through the Living Life Well (LLW) Strategy. As per report IJB 69/21 a full Mental Health update report was to be provided at the April 2022 IJB.

6. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 23 June 2021, members noted that the Annual Work Plan Report (Report IJB 23/21) advised that the Review of Standing

Orders Report was due to be brought forward for consideration by the IJB in February 2022, however due to capacity issues, the timeline for reporting on the Review of Standing Orders had now been extended and would now be considered at the IJB in August 2022.

7. WORKFORCE PLAN UPDATE

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 25 August 2021, members noted that the AHSCP Workforce Plan was to be completed and submitted to the Scottish Government by 1 April 2022, having first been considered at the IJB in February 2022. The Scottish Government had deferred the deadline for submission, due to disruptions to planned work caused by Covid 19, to 31 July 2022. It was anticipated that the Scottish Government would issue further guidance for the completion of local plans, and publish a national workforce strategy in the interim, which AHSCP managers would need to take account of. It was proposed, therefore, that the draft AHSCP Workforce Plan would be submitted to the June 2022 IJB meeting for consideration and approval.

8. ANGUS ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 24 February 2021, there was submitted Report No IJB 4/22 by the Chief Officer presenting the Angus Adult Protection Committee Annual Report (AAPC) for 2020/21.

The Report indicated that Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 set up multi-agency Adult Protection Committees (APCs) in every council area. The Committee monitored and reviewed what was happening locally to safeguard adults. Chief Officers across Scotland individually and collectively had responsibility in ensuring that the Adult Protection Committee's authority to carry out its functions effectively was supported by local agencies, with a focus on continually improving strategy and practise.

The new AAPC Strategic Plan for 2020/2023 was based around the statutory functions of an Adult Protection Committee, as set out in legislation. The plan would be regularly updated to include any emerging national or local priorities and remained flexible to take into account any future impact arising from the COVID pandemic. Section 3.5 of the Report detailed the areas identified for development and progression.

George Bowie, Head of Community Health and Care Services provided an overview and also highlighted a number of the key trends detailed in the Annual Report, including the significant increase in activity and referrals; referrals from family, public and in particular, carers; first Adult Protection Order taken since 2015; significant increases in referrals for those with mental health difficulties; and the increase in independent advocates invited to case conferences.

Councillor Bell raised concerns around the significant increase in demand for services and the impact on staffing capacity and suggested that to ensure the IJB remained sighted on the situation, that a six monthly update be brought forward to the IJB.

The Service User, Associate Nurse Director, Chief Social Work Officer, Director of Public Health raised questions and comments in relation to the reasons for increased activity/referrals; planned awareness activities; adequate resources across AHSCP to support adult protection and to continue the improvement in practice; transitions; adults at risk affected by mental health difficulties and substance misuse; COVID-19 impact, and in response, George Bowie provided a detailed and informative update.

The Chief Officer welcomed the comprehensive Report and highlighted that the AAPC held a risk register that was reviewed at least quarterly and reported to the Angus Chief Officers Group, and confirmed that no exceptional risk had been reported. She also advised that NHS Tayside had considerably invested into the work and responsibilities of adult protection.

The Chair highlighted Councillor Bell's earlier request for a six monthly update to be brought forward to a future IJB, thereafter, the Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Angus Adult Protection Committee (AAPC) Annual Report 2020 to 2021, as appended to the Report; and
- (ii) to note the key trends and areas for development emerging from the Report.

At this stage in the meeting, Councillor Myles declared an interest in Item 10, Report IJB 6/22 as an elected member involved in the Angus Council budget process. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting.

9. FINANCE REPORT 2021/22

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 23 February 2022, there was submitted Report No IJB 5/22 by the Chief Finance Officer providing an update to the Board on the financial position of Angus IJB including financial projections for 2021/22, the impact of COVID-19 on the IJB's financial position, an update on reserves, financial planning and financial risks.

Appendix 1 to the Report detailed the projected financial position for 2021/22. This showed that the overall projected financial position for Angus IJB for the year to March 2022 was an underspend of c£3.237m, after allowing the costs of COVID-19. Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the Report set out the financial monitoring report 2021/22; reserves position 2021/2 and financial governance.

The Chief Finance Officer highlighted a number of key areas of the Report related to Psychiatry of Old Age service including the ongoing issue of the lack of clarity in respect of the future use of the former Mulberry Unit at Stracathro; Out of Hours Services including Scottish Government funding; Adult Services, Financial Impact of COVID-19; Winter Planning Funding and current plans; and Angus IJB Reserves.

In terms of the In Patient Mental Health Services, the Chief Finance Officer intimated that since the time of writing the report, and in reference to the ongoing dialogue with NHS Tayside, and reporting timelines, he requested the IJB to consider an additional recommendation to the Report, the terms of which were "to devolve authority to the Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer in conjunction with the IJB's Chair and Vice Chair to reach agreement with NHS Tayside regarding any financial management issues for 2021/22 only".

The Chief Finance Officer also responded to questions and comments from Councillors Bell and Myles, the Staff Representative, Angus Council; and the Registered Medical Practitioner in relation to the long standing issue related to the future use of the former Mulberry Unit, expansion of Care at Home and the ongoing staff recruitment and retention issues related to the social care workforce; reserves investments opportunities; and hosted services costings.

George Bowie provided a further update in terms of the recent recruitment progress and incentives in place to promote and encourage staff recruitment and retention.

Having also heard from the Registered Medical Practitioner and the Clinical Director in terms of property repurposing and the suggestion for the IJB to consider a strategic overview of premises in conjunction with partners, thereafter the Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the overall projected financial position of Angus IJB for 2021/22;
- (ii) to endorse the commitments made against the Scottish Government's Winter Planning Funding as set out at Section 3.15 of the Report;
- (iii) to note the update regarding Reserves as outlined in Appendix 2 to the Report, including the need to develop plans to ensure reserves were mobilised effectively;
- (iv) to note the issues documented in the Financial Governance as outlined in Appendix 3 to the Report;

- (v) to support the Chair of the IJB in writing to NHS Tayside seeking clarity regarding the outcome of the Mental Health in patient review with regard to plans for a single-site in patient unit and, thereafter, the future use of the former Mulberry site at Stracathro Hospital; and
- (vi) to devolve authority to the Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer in conjunction with the IJB's Chair and Vice Chair to reach agreement with NHS Tayside regarding any Mental Health financial management issues for 2021/22 only.

10. BUDGET SETTLEMENTS WITH ANGUS COUNCIL AND NHS TAYSIDE

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 24 February 2021, there was submitted Report No IJB 6/22 by the Chief Finance Officer to update members regarding the proposed Budget Settlements between Angus IJB and both Angus Council and NHS Tayside for 2022/23.

The Report indicated that on an annual basis, Angus IJB had to reach a budget settlement with both Angus Council and NHS Tayside regarding resources that would be devolved from both Partners to the IJB to support the delivery of local Health and Adult Social Care Services.

Information regarding the 2022/23 budget initially became available as part of the publication of the Scottish Government's overall budget on 9 December 2021. The Report was based on the position set out at that time, although it was important to note that the overall Scottish Government budget for 2022/23 was still subject to Parliamentary approval, noting that in previous years the process of gaining Parliamentary approval had led to adjustments in Health and Social Care funding.

In relation to the Budget Settlement with Angus Council, in 2021/22, Angus Council provided c£51.530m of core recurring financial support to Angus HSCP. Angus Council required to approve any budget settlement with Angus IJB and that the budget settlement was due to be considered by Angus Council at their meeting on 3 March 2022. For 2022/23, the situation was that Scottish Government budget proposals set out that IJB funding from Angus Council should equal the 2021/22 budget plus the additional funding as outlined in Section 3.2 of the Report, therefore the proposed budget settlement for 2022/23 from Angus Council to Angus IJB would be £65.382m.

In terms of the Budget Settlement with NHS Tayside for 2022/23, the situation was that the Scottish Government budget proposals set out that NHS Scotland Health Boards would receive funding uplifts of 2.0% and that Health Boards should pass on uplifts of at least 2.0% to local Integration Joint Boards. Within NHS Tayside, the current intention was to pass on that 2.0% uplift to local IJBs. The offer reflected the challenging financial environment within which NHS Tayside was currently operating. The offer covered all relevant local community health services, hosted services, Prescribing and Family Health Services budgets for 2022/23.

The Report also detailed the longstanding unresolved issues regarding the NHS Tayside devolved budgets in terms of Complex Care and Large Hospital Set Aside.

The Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the views of the Chief Officer and the Chief Finance Officer, and agreed to accept the proposed budget offer of £65.382m from Angus Council; and
- (ii) to note the views of the Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer, and agreed to accept the proposed budget offer of 2.0% increase from NHS Tayside, subject to satisfactory resolution of the unresolved budget issues regarding complex care resources.

With respect to (i) and (ii) above, should the Scottish Parliament subsequently amend the Scottish Government's budget proposals, then the proposed budget settlements set out in this report would require to be revisited, and may include minor rounding adjustments or more significant adjustments that may require to be brought back to the IJB.

11. ANGUS IJB STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLAN 2022/23-2024/25

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 21 April 2021, there was submitted Report No IJB 7/22 by the Chief Finance Officer updating members regarding the development of the Angus IJB Strategic Financial Plan for the period 2022/23 to 2024/25.

The draft plan for 2022/23 to 2024/25 captured information regarding current financial performance, funding assumptions, cost pressures and planned interventions. Appendices 1 and 2 of the Report detailed the draft Financial Planning Summary and the current IJB's Financial Risk Assessment.

A summary of the IJB's financial planning position for the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 were outlined in the table contained in Section 13 of the Report. The potential recurring shortfall from 2024/25 of £6cm remained as previously projected, with the weakened position reflecting increased demographic pressures and unfunded inflationary pressures no longer being offset by Scottish Government funding increases or the required volume of planned interventions. Therefore, in effect, without further interventions, future service pressures would remain unfunded and not manageable within available resources unless the IJB was able to resolve these issues.

In terms of next steps and to progress to a final version of the financial plan, the IJB were required to advance some key areas as detailed in Section 13.2 of the Report.

The draft Report updated the Strategic Financial Plan in a way that it was intended to be consistent with the IJB's current and evolving Strategic Commissioning Plan, noted the Strategic Commissioning Plan influenced the Strategic Financial Plan.

The Chief Finance Officer provided a brief overview of some key areas of the Report including inflationary pressures, demographic pressures, remobilisation plans, strategic commitments and the potential shortfall of c£6m in financial year 2024/25.

In response to Peter Drury, Non-Executive Board Member's question related to Family Health Services in terms of GP Salaried Service Models, the Chief Finance Officer, Clinical Director and Interim Associate Medical Director provided informative updates.

The Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to support work to develop improved resource profiles for Disability Services and Older Peoples Services for embedding in future versions of the plan;
- (ii) to support the continued inclusion and development of planned interventions set out in Section 6 of the Report, and to request regular updates regarding these from relevant service and lead officers throughout 2022/23;
- (iii) that by the October IJB meeting, to request the IJB's Executive Management Team to confirm delivery of management savings for Adult Social Care and Local Community Health Services;
- (iv) to note the long term residual shortfalls in the draft plan, and for December 2022 request the IJB's Strategic Planning Group to review options to address these; and
- (v) to support the draft version of the Strategic Financial Plan and request a final version be brought back to the IJB for approval in April 2022.

12. PRIMARY CARE IMPROVEMENT FUND UPDATE

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 8 December 2021, there was submitted Report No IJB 8/22 by the Chief Officer provide an update on the Angus Primary Care Improvement Fund Reserve.

The Report indicated that the original terms of the GMS Contract was March 2018 until March 2021, with the period extended and a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MoU2) set out by the Scottish Government, in July 2021 which included revised target delivery dates.

Slippage in the Primary Care Improvement Plans since 2018 had resulted in reserves, including the current year underspend forecast, the projected total reserve held by the end of 2021/22, of c£2,700k.

AHSCP working collaboratively with Dundee and Perth HSCPs and the Local Medical Committee (LMC), had identified a number of initiatives as a suitable use for the available resource and were as outlined in Section 4 of the Report.

The Service Manager, Primary Care, AHSCP provided a summarised overview of the key areas of the Report.

In response to Councillor Bell's question related to GP Recruitment and Retention – Career Start, updates were provided by the Interim Associate Medical Director, Dr Andrew Thompson, GP Sub Committee and the Registered Medical Practitioner.

The Service User Representative raised a question related to the risks as outlined in the Report, and in response, the Chief Finance Officer provided an update on the Scottish Government ringfenced position. The Clinical Director also provided an update and confirmed that the current risk included a RAG status of the projects and was monitored regularly and that the overall sustainability of primary risk would require to be revisited in future.

The Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the position of the Primary Care Improvement Fund (PCIF) reserve;
- (ii) to support and approve the proposals for spend of reserves to progress delivery of the Primary Care Improvement Plan (PCIP);
- (iii) to note all proposals had been developed in collaboration between Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCP) with Local Medical Committee (LMC) / GP Sub Committee support; and
- (iv) to devolve future decision making to the Chief Officer in relation to spend against PCIF reserves as long as the proposals aligned with the requirements of PCIP and IJB's Strategic Commissioning Plan.

13. PERFORMANCE UPDATE

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 23 June 2021, there was submitted Report No IJB 9/22 by the Chief Officer providing an update on progress made towards delivering the outcomes of the national indicators and support the delivery of the strategic plan.

The Report demonstrated performance against Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 for 2021/22 and described impact of some of the improvements being made across the partnership; how progress was being made towards delivering the vision, strategic shifts and planned improved outcomes for the people of Angus.

The four priority areas of Improving health wellbeing and independence; Supporting care needs at home; Developing integrated and enhanced primary care and community responses; and Improving integrated care pathways for priorities in care, as detailed in the AHSCP Strategic Commissioning Plan aimed to deliver on the nine National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes.

Key performance information for the mid-year review period of April to September 2021 was outlined in the Appendix to the Report.

Jillian Galloway, Head of Community Health and Care Services provided an overview and highlighted the impact of COVID-19 over the last two year period on the performance indicators

but on a positive note, intimated that the number of people admitted to hospital following a fall indicator had improved and that the focus on early intervention and prevention would provide opportunities to improve the performance indicators in future. Updates were provided in terms of telecare equipment. In terms of drug and alcohol treatment, highlighted considerable work was being progressed in this area and going forward, confirmed that a Report related to the work of the Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) would be brought forward to a future IJB meeting. She also highlighted the challenges related to delayed discharges including complex delays.

The Clinical Director provided a brief update in relation to the Improving Health and Wellbeing indicator, related to prescribed items for diabetes and anxiety and depression, social prescribing, mental health update, measures and pathways being progressed and alternative therapy and interventions.

In referring to the proposal to bring forward an Alcohol and Drug Partnership Report to a future IJB meeting, Councillor Bell also requested local intelligence to be included in terms of recently published information related to the increase in alcohol consumption for men aged 45 to 64 years; and also raised concern regarding the note detailed within the Report which stated "more regular shorter breaks for carers may reduce the need for residential respite".

The Third Sector Representative highlighted the proposals around the provision of an intergenerational befriending service to support persons receiving care at home, in care homes and those individuals with mental health needs and that a pilot would initially be rolled out in the Forfar/Kirriemuir area. A further update would be provided to the IJB once established.

In terms of the delayed discharge indicator, George Bowie provided an update and advised that a new Care Manager post was in the planning and anticipated, that an improved position would be reported in future, also in response to Councillor Bell's comment regarding residential respite, intimated that a rise in residential respite was expected, in future. He highlighted that the indicator related to the number of personal care hours was outdated and required to be reviewed.

The Chief Officer advised that that both national and MSG indicators were marked within the Appendix to the Report and questioned whether these were due to be reviewed by Scottish Government and also conveyed her support to a review of the local indicators. She also highlighted to members that the new mental health lead GP was now in post and was working with the Community Mental Health Team on the rollout of the successful Links model for mental health in Montrose.

George Bowie and Jillian Galloway provided updates in response to the Carer's Representative's question in respect of Personal Care at Home, particularly related to risk factors.

The Chief Social Work Officer referred to the recently published Coming Home Implementation Report from the Working Group in Complex Care and Delayed Discharge which contained significant proposals and in terms of a review of indicators, it was important to take cognisance that the Report also included national scrutiny of the bed days lost to complex delays (all ages) indicator. In response, Jillian Galloway and also George Bowie confirmed that the Report was under review and that an update, if required, would be brought forward to a future IJB meeting.

The Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the current performance within Angus HSCP for Quarter 1 & Quarter 2 of 2021/2022;
- (ii) to note the HSCP would work to progress further improvement where the targets had not been achieved; and
- (iii) to note where the targets for local indicators were to be reviewed for the Annual Report.

14. ANGUS AND DUNDEE STROKE REHABILITATION PATHWAY REVIEW UPDATE

With reference to Article 14 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 25 August 2021, there was submitted Report No IJB 10/22 by the Chief Officer providing an update of progress made to redesign the Dundee and Angus Stroke Rehabilitation Pathway.

The Report indicated the IJB at their meeting on 25 August 2021, had supported and approved the proposal for Angus residents to receive home based stroke rehabilitation, where appropriate, and for people who required stroke specific in-patient rehabilitation, that this would be provided for within Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH), Dundee.

The multidisciplinary Project Implementation Group continued to meet weekly and had identified five work-streams including Workforce; Rehabilitation Pathways, Environment and Equipment, Communication and Engagement and Quality/Patient Care with progress updates of these work-streams outlined in Section 3 of the Report. Appendix 1 of the Report provided feedback from Angus and Dundee residents admitted to the RVH Stroke Rehabilitation Unit (SRU) since June 2021.

Jillian Galloway and Morag Hambleton, AHP Service Manager provided a brief overview of the Report and also responded to Councillors Bell and Speed's questions and comments related to the community engagement to address some of the misunderstanding of the wider community, EQIA, particularly related to the Fairer Scotland duties around the provision of financial support and transport barriers.

The Third Sector Representative highlighted that discussions were ongoing around the development of a "Neurological Family Hub" that would also provide support and advice and intimated that the project was due to be tested in Angus, with plans for this to be rolled out across Tayside, in future.

Having heard from the Chief Officer who highlighted the excellent feedback received from Dundee and Angus residents admitted to RVH SRU, communication and engagement progress and the expansion into the wider communities to include the network of people who cared for stroke patients and their families, and the development of a "Neurological Family Hub", the Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made with the redesign of the Dundee and Angus Stroke Rehabilitation Pathway; and
- (ii) to request a further update in August 2022.

At this stage in the meeting, Councillor Speed declared an interest in the following item as a carer for family members. She indicated that she would participate in any discussion and voting.

15. LEARNING AND PHYSICAL DISABILITY PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

With reference to Articles 9 and 10 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 25 August 2021, there was submitted Report No IJB 11/22 by the Chief Officer providing an update on the current position in relation to the implementation of the Learning and Physical Disability priority improvement plans. These were intended to address current challenges faced by the service and to implement efficient and sustainable actions in response to inflationary, demographic, and capacity demands. The Partnership's aim was to deliver sustainable services into the future within available resources. The Learning and Physical Disability Priority Improvement update has been merged into one report to reflect the progress made in developing a single Disability Service.

The Report indicated that the progress to date with improvement activity continued to be significantly impacted due to the COVID pandemic, which had included the redirection of officers resource towards operational priorities during this time. The finalised improvement plans and corresponding action plans had been shared widely and issued to key stakeholders. Engagement would continue through a variety of activities to ensure that local improvements

and priorities continued to be informed by what was important to people, and that the range of services delivered would focus on meeting local need. Section 5 of the Report outlined the priority areas progressed since the last update provided in August 2021.

George Bowie provided a progress update in relation to the development of a single disability service and also highlighted a number of key priority areas of the Report including increased demand for services due to demographic changes; autism and learning disability – complex cases and accommodation; care at home providers; new review officer pilot related to complex care; and the review of supported accommodation. He also referred to the reporting timeframe as outlined in recommendation (ii) of the Report.

The Service Manager, Learning and Physical Disabilities Services, AHSCP responded to the Carer's Representative's question related to the Autism and Learning Disability priority area and also referred to the recently published Coming Home Implementation Report, particular as this related to the provision of care closer to home for people with learning disabilities and complex needs.

Councillor Speed welcomed the combined disability service Report but emphasised the importance that all individual needs were recognised and continued to be monitored to ensure access to the appropriate services.

Councillor Bell raised a point regarding the reporting frequency and the potential implications arising from the Coming Home Implementation Report, and in response, George Bowie agreed that a briefing note be prepared and provided to members in this regard.

Thereafter, the Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the content of the Report: and
- (ii) to reduce the frequency of reporting on the Learning and Physical Disability Improvement Plan to annually having recognised that the improvement work was now well advanced, and that emerging issues would be highlighted in the general Strategic Planning update Reports submitted to every second meeting of the IJB.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Integration Joint Board noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 20 April 2022 at 2pm.

17. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board agreed that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items so as to avoid the possible disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 Part 1, Schedule 7A, Paragraphs 2,3,6 and 9.

At this stage in the meeting, the meeting was adjourned for a 10 minute comfort break.

The meeting resumed at 16.31pm.

18. UPDATE ON THE GABLES CARE HOME, FORFAR

With reference to Article 16 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 28 October 2020, there was submitted Report No IJB 12/22 by the Chief Officer updating members regarding the replacement of the Gables Care Home in Forfar, for adults with a learning disability.

George Bowie provided a detailed overview of the Report.

Following discussion where a number of members raised concerns and questions, and in response, informative updates were provided by George Bowie, also the Service Manager, Learning Disabilities Service and the Principal Planning Officer.

Thereafter, the Integration Joint Board agreed the recommendations as outlined in the Report.

At this stage in the meeting, Councillor Speed gave notice of an amendment.

19. INTERNAL CARE HOMES – FUTURE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of Special meeting of this Board of 2 February 2022, there was submitted Report No IJB 13/22 by the Chief Officer providing an update to the Board regarding Internal Care Homes – Future Delivery Arrangements.

George Bowie provided an informative update, thereafter the Chief Officer emphasised the sensitive nature and emotional impacts on everyone involved in the difficult and challenging decision making process.

Having heard from Councillor Myles and also from Councillor Bell who intimated her request to address the meeting, following consideration of Councillor Speed's proposed amendment.

The Manager, Legal Team 1 provided procedural advice following which Councillor Speed's proposed amendment was circulated by email to IJB members and officers, thereafter members heard from the Chair, the Manager, Legal Team 1, the Associate Nurse Director and also from the Chief Social Work Officer who proposed a short adjournment to the meeting.

The Chair intimated that the meeting be adjourned to take advice from officers.

The meeting resumed at 5.58pm, and at this stage, the Carer's Representative intimated that he required to leave the meeting at 6.00pm.

Emma Jane Well, Chair, seconded by Councillor Myles, moved the recommendations, as outlined in Report IJB 13/22.

Councillor Speed, seconded by Councillor Bell moved an amendment to those recommendations as outlined in Report IJB 13/22.

With the Chair's permission, and in accordance with Standing Order 15.3, Councillor Bell and the Staff Representative, Angus Council, intimated support to the proposed amendment and addressed the meeting, following which a number of members addressed the meeting and also took the opportunity to respond to questions and concerns raised.

On a vote being taken, the members voted: -

For the motion:-

Emma Jane-Wells, Councillor Myles, Peter Davidson and Peter Drury (4)

For the amendment:-

Councillors Bell and Speed. (2).

The motion was declared carried and the recommendations as detailed in Report IJB 13/22 became the finding of the meeting.