



AGENDA ITEM NO 6

REPORT NO IJB 51/22

ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 24 AUGUST 2022
DIRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE – AUGUST 2022
REPORT BY GAIL SMITH, CHIEF OFFICER

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to update the IJB regarding the Directions Policy and Procedure; for Directions from Integration Authorities to Health Boards and Local Authorities.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:-

- (i) Approves the Angus IJB Directions Policy and Procedure (Appendix 1)

2. BACKGROUND

Section 53 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014 provides that local authorities, health boards and integration joint boards must have regard to any guidance issued by the Scottish Ministers about its functions under or in relation to that Act.

The Scottish Government issued Guidance to local authorities, health boards and integration joint boards on Directions from Integration Authorities to Health Boards and Local Authorities. This was submitted to the IJB in June 2020 (IJB 20/20).

The IJB requires to direct Angus Council and/or NHS Tayside on how the delegated functions are to be delivered to action their Strategic Commissioning Plan. This includes identifying what funding will be available for the delivery of those functions and how services will operate and change to deliver the Integration Delivery Principles and National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes.

Written Directions are legally binding and are the mechanism used by an IJB to issue those instructions. Directions are legally binding and must be implemented by the Council and the NHS. Updated [Guidance](#) on Directions was produced by the Scottish Government in March 2020.

3. CURRENT POSITION

The Directions Policy and Procedure (Appendix 1) sets out the process for formulating, approving, issuing and reviewing directions for the IJB to issue to partner organisations i.e. Angus Council and NHS Tayside.

The IJB is responsible for approving all Directions. Directions will be reviewed and issued at the start of the financial year to establish the budget for each service to be delivered. In order to provide flexibility, and take account of strategic and financial developments and service

changes throughout the year, or a change in local circumstances; Directions will be issued at any time as required by IJB decisions and will be subject to formal approval by the IJB as part of that decision making process.

4. PROPOSALS

This Directions policy seeks to enhance governance, transparency and accountability between the IJB, Angus Council and NHS Tayside, by clarifying responsibilities and relationships.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

6. RISK

No additional risks as a result of this report.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (IF APPLICABLE)

N/A

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

9. DIRECTIONS

The Integration Joint Board requires a mechanism to action its strategic commissioning plans and this is provided for in Section 26 to 28 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. This mechanism takes the form of binding directions from the Integration Joint Board to one or both of Angus Council and NHS Tayside.

Direction Required to Angus Council, NHS Tayside or Both	Direction to:	
	No Direction Required	X
	Angus Council	
	NHS Tayside	
	Angus Council and NHS Tayside	

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1: Directions Policy and Procedure April 2022