

AGENDA ITEM NO 3 (a)

MINUTE of MEETING of the **ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD** held remotely on Wednesday 26 October 2022 at 2.00pm.

Present: Voting Members of Integration Joint Board

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

Non-Voting Members of Integration Joint Board

GAIL SMITH, Chief Officer
SANDY BERRY, Chief Finance Officer
CHRIS BOYLE, Staff Representative, Angus Council
PETER BURKE, Carer's Representative
ALISON CLEMENT, Clinical Director
ELAINE HENRY, Registered Medical Practitioner
ANDREW JACK, Service User Representative
KATHRYN LINDSAY, Chief Social Work Officer
HAYLEY MEARNS, Third Sector Representative
BARBARA TUCKER, Staff Representative, NHS Tayside
NICKY WORRALL, Independent Sector Representative

Advisory Officers

GEORGE BOWIE, Head of Community Health and Care Services, AHSCP
DAVID COULSON, Director of Pharmacy, NHS Tayside
JILLIAN GALLOWAY, Head of Community Health and Care Services, AHSCP
EUNICE MCLENNAN, Head of Community Health and Care Services, AHSCP
LEWIS SHAND, Team Leader, Legal Team 1, Angus Council

COUNCILLOR Julie Bell, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair expressed her gratitude to Emma-Jane Wells for the way she had chair the IJB meetings over the last two year period, and in taking the IJB forward through some difficult and challenging times.

In reference to the recent NHS Star Awards, the Chair highlighted that Dr Matt Lambert, Stroke Consultant, Royal Victoria Hospital had been awarded Bronze in the Clinical Staff Award category; Angus Integrated Mental Health North and South teams had been awarded Bronze in the Innovation and Improvement Award category, and the COVID-19 team were overall clinical team winners; and on behalf of the Board, conveyed gratitude to them all for their outstanding work.

1. CHAIR

Members noted that in terms of Standing Order 3.2, Councillor Julie Bell would now take up the role of Chair of the IJB.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Sarah Dickie, Nurse Director; Richard Humble, GP Representative and Emma Fletcher, Director of Public Health; all NHS Tayside.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Dr Alison Clement declared an interest in Item 11 (Report 69/22) as General Practitioner Partner at Monifieth Medical Practice and having applied the objective test, indicated that she would remain and participate in discussion during consideration of this item.

4. MINUTES INCLUDING ACTION LOG

(a) PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board of 24 August 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record subject to the following minor amendment in relation to Item 6, paragraph 3 and recommendation (ii) to remove the word “issues” and replace with “arrangements”.

(b) ACTION LOG

The action log of the Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board of 24 August 2022 was submitted.

The Chief Officer provided an update in respect of the one red overdue action from 14 December 2020, thereafter the Integration Joint Board noted the update provided and also the Action Log of 24 August 2022.

(c) AUDIT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Integration Joint Board Audit Committee meeting of 24 August and Special Meeting of 22 September 2022 were submitted and noted as correct records.

5. ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION INSPECTION

Members noted that the Angus multi-agency adult support and protection inspection was scheduled to take place week beginning 14 November 2022. A briefing note was provided for IJB members on 16 September 2022. Updates to the briefing note would be provided at intervals throughout the process.

The Chief Officer and George Bowie, Head of Community Health and Care Services provided a brief overview of the extensive inspection process.

6. APPOINTMENTS

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 22 June 2022, there was submitted Report No IJB 65/22 by the Chief Officer to note the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair, all in terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014; additionally the appointment of a nominated proxy member and Depute Chief Officer.

The Report indicated that the recommendations contained within the Report would enable the Integration Joint Board to discharge their legal obligations.

The Chief Officer intimated that Peter Davidson, NHS Tayside was due to be appointed as Vice Chair of the Angus IJB, at the forthcoming NHS Tayside Board meeting.

In welcoming the imminent appointment of Vice Chair, the Chair highlighted that this was the last IJB meeting for Emma Jane Wells and George Bowie, and on behalf of the Board paid tribute to both Emma Jane and George for their commitment and contribution and wished them both well for the future.

The Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to note that in terms of Standing Order 3.2 Section 6(4) the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014, Councillor Julie Bell as Vice Chair, would now take up the role as Chair of the IJB;
- (ii) to note that the current Chair, would become the Vice Chair, in terms of Section 6(5) the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014;
- (iii) to note that Councillor Heather Doran was appointed as proxy member on behalf of Councillor Lois Speed, in terms of Section 12 the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014; and
- (iv) to request that the Chief Executives of Angus Council and NHS Tayside designate Jillian Galloway, Depute Chief Officer for a period of six months.

7. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR IJB AND IJB AUDIT COMMITTEE 2023

The IJB agreed to note the timetable of meetings for the IJB and IJB Audit Committee for 2023.

8. FINANCE REPORT

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 24 August 2022, there was submitted Report No IJB 66/22 by the Chief Finance Officer providing an update on the financial position of the IJB including financial projections for 2022/23, and the impact of COVID-19 on the IJB's financial position, an update on reserves, financial risks and governance.

Appendix 1 to the Report detailed the projected financial position for 2022/23. This indicated that the overall projected management position for Angus IJB for the year to March 2023 was an underspend of c£3.191m. Appendices 2 to 4 of the Report set out the financial risk assessment, IJB reserves 2022/23 and financial governance.

The Chief Finance Officer highlighted a number of key areas of the Report including the projected underspend related to unfilled vacancies, Prescribing; General Medical Services (GMS) longer term risks; Inpatient Mental Health Service; Adult Services underspend; financial impact of COVID-19; Scottish Government allocations and funding risks.

He also highlighted the significant financial pressures in the wider systems the IJB operated in and the impact those pressures were having on the IJB's partners, Angus Council and NHS Tayside. Noting that some key reserves were ringfenced, and that a series of imminent pressures that still required to be managed and commitment met, he indicated that there were one-off funds in the IJB that could usefully be deployed to support the whole system.

In emphasising the pace that these matters required to be considered, he referred members to the proposed recommendations (a) to (d) as outlined in the recommendations and Section 3.15 of the Report, and intimated that should these proposals be agreed, that any decisions taken regarding reserves would be reported back to the IJB in future.

Councillors Bell, Meechan, Clinical Director, Carer's Representative, Service User Representative, Peter Drury and Peter Davidson both Non-Executive Board Members raised questions and comments in relation to a proposed future development session with Finance Directors of Angus Council and NHS Tayside; deployment of funds to partners; planned interventions and future financial sustainability, PCIF and the potential to increase budget resources.

In response, the Chief Finance Officer provided updates and confirmed that he would look further into the proposals for a development session to be supported by the Directors of Finance from both Angus Council and NHS Tayside, to provide members with an overview of the current and future financial pressures.

The Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to accept the overall projected financial position of Angus IJB for 2022/23;

- (ii) to note the revised position regarding COVID-19 reserves and approve the release of the expected balance of COVID-19 reserves to the Scottish Government noting any final balance would be ratified by the Chief Officer; subject to any further Scottish Government guidance;
- (iii)
 - (a) to support the creation of a £0.7m local Primary Care Investment Fund as described in Section 3.15 of the Report;
 - (b) to support the creation of a £1.0m one off fund to augment capital funding held within Angus Council to support Angus HSCP premises (including Care Homes) as described in Section 3.15 of the Report;
 - (c) to support the proposed £0.5m augmentation of funding to the IJB's Strategic Plan Reserve as described in Section 3.15 of the Report; and
 - (d) to devolve authority to the Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer, in conjunction with the IJB's Chair and Vice Chair to develop proposals to support whole system pressures as described in Section 3.15 of the Report.

9. SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION REVIEW UPDATE

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 22 June 2022, there was submitted Report No. IJB 67/22 by the Chief Officer providing an update on the change process and on any outstanding issues.

The Report indicated that following the IJB's decision on 22 June 2022 to move to a concierge model of delivery for supported accommodation at Provost Johnston Road, Montrose, and St Drostan's Court, Brechin, an engagement plan had been developed and implemented. Provost Johnston Road moved to the concierge service on 1 September 2022 and it was planned that St Drostan's would change by the end of 2022.

The Angus Health and Social Care Partnership's objective was to achieve the aim of minimising impact and supporting tenants, families and staff as much as possible by approaching the change in a planned and phased way, taking into account individual and collective needs.

George Bowie, Head of Community Health and Care Services provided an informative overview of the key areas of the Report.

The Service Leader, Home Care and Accommodation responded to members questions in relation to medication administration, particularly around the prompting measures involved; conserved salaries; gender bias towards woman; self-funding and income maximisation.

The Staff Representative, Angus Council raised concerns that whilst staff were on a conserved salary for a twelve month period, they would then revert to a lower salary grade thereafter. He also emphasised that the staff involved had previously been under a service review for the third time in a five year period. He also highlighted the disparity between Angus Council and NHS Tayside in terms of conserved salary periods.

Councillor Speed echoed the concerns raised by the Staff Representative and also raised questions related to the meal provision challenges, impact on staff, reduced salary and gender imbalance. She also proposed that the Report recommendation be changed from "accept" to "note".

George Bowie, in response, provided an informative update and confirmed that he was content with the suggested change of wording to the recommendation as proposed by Councillor Speed.

Thereafter having heard from the Chair, the Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to note the content of the Report which provided an update on progress in implementing the concierge model in two supported housing complexes since June 2022.

10. ADULT PROTECTION UPDATE – P19

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of Special meeting of this Board of 2 February 2022, there was submitted Report No IJB 68/22 by the Chief Officer presenting an update on progress being made against the Angus Adult Protection Committee (AAPC) Significant Case Review (SCR) P19 Action Plan since the Report was submitted to the IJB on 2 February 2022.

The Report indicated that the formation of a Commission as instructed by the Scottish Government, composed of Healthcare Improvement Scotland and the Care Inspectorate, to provide independent assurance and improvement support, and the work undertaken with the Commission. Adult Protections Committees and Chief Officers had responsibility for commissioning SCRs to ensure any improvement actions were delivered.

There were 59 recommendations in the SCR Report assigned to a range of agencies including Angus Council and Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP). Work was ongoing across all services to progress the improvement actions.

Appendix 1 of the Report outlined the progress update against the SCR P19 Action Plan in respect of AHSCP. The Report highlighted that good progress was being made against those actions, with 22 actions solely ascribed to the AHSCP; 17 were green RAG status, 4 were amber and one on red. Work was ongoing across all services to progress the improvement actions. Capacity challenges were significant and involved a number of agencies agreeing to new methods and arranging changes to current practice.

George Bowie, Head of Community Health and Social Care Service provided a summary of the key areas of the Report and highlighted the good progress.

The Service User Representative commended the team work and the progress being made against the actions. He also enquired as to the position in terms of lessons learned, and in response, George Bowie provided an update and confirmed that there was lessons to be learned and changes to current practice.

George Bowie responded to the Clinical Director's comment and confirmed that NHS Tayside had stepped up and that there was greater focus on clinical need with a more collaborative approach in adult protection.

Having heard from the Chief Social Work Officer and thereafter from the Chair, who welcomed the comprehensive update and assurances regarding progress with the action plan and lessons to be learned.

The Chair expressed gratitude to all those involved, thereafter the Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to accept the contents of the Report;
- (ii) having scrutinised, to note the AAPC SCR P19 Action Plan and progress made, as detailed in the Report and associated Appendix 1 to the Report;
- (iii) to note that the Commission, comprised Healthcare Improvement Scotland and the Care Inspectorate, had advised that they were satisfied with progress and were confident in the AHSCP's ability to complete their improvement actions;
- (iv) that future progress Reports on SCR P19 be included in a periodic report about adult protection matters, and that a separate report on progress with the Inspection would be submitted to the IJB meeting in February 2023.

11. GP PRACTICE PREMISES STRATEGY

There was submitted Report No IJB 69/22 by the Chief Officer providing members with the emerging strategic direction for GP Practice premises in Angus for 2023-2026.

The Report indicated that a premises strategy for Angus GP Practice estates was currently in development and that the purpose and focus was to set out key principles and requirements that would be used to inform the identification of premises and improvement priorities to support sustainable and resilient General Practice taking into account local population needs.

The Strategy was deliberately focussed on General Practice premises and was intended to be an enabling strategy to support and inform discussions regarding capacity and estates strategies for core primary care medical services.

The new GP contract 2018 and related Code of Practice for GP Premises articulated a shift to move General Practice towards a service model which did not entail GPs owning their own practice premises. Scottish Government planning assumptions was that the transition from GP owned to Board owned premises would be gradual and take place over a 25 year period.

In Angus, eight practices were GP leased, three were practice owned, three were Board owned and one was Board leased. The continued existence of GP owned/leased premises had potential consequential impacts on recruitment and retention thus increasing the risk of practices becoming unsustainable. Any strategy required to consider how to accelerate the position to a Board owned GP practice premises portfolio, taking into account primary care strategic objectives, prioritisation, and where investment and disinvestment should occur.

The Service Manager, Angus Primary Care provided an update and outlined the key areas of the Report including the requirement to identify premises and improve priorities to support sustainable and resilient General Practices; current Angus GP premises; seamless MDT working with integrated teams supporting GPs; single primary care sites and satellite services; and digital systems.

Thereafter the Service Manager, Angus Primary Care responded to comments and questions from the Chair, Registered Medical Practitioner, and Clinical Director in relation to the potential to maximise integration in non-primary care premises; direction of travel and timescales; strategic whole system vision; place based care; and community involvement and engagement.

The Chief Officer also confirmed that the locality improvement groups fed into the Strategic Planning Group and in terms of placed based care, referred members to the Angus Care Model. She also intimated that the Council's Director of Legal and Democratic Services had also expressed support to integrated premises.

Jillian Galloway, Head of Community Care and Health Services and the Chief Finance Officer highlighted that the delivery of the Angus GP Practice Premises Strategy was dependent upon NHS Tayside as key partners to commit to the proposals.

Councillor Speed highlighted the importance of consultation and engagement and also emphasised the requirement to reach out to those principally impacted, and also raised a point in terms of the EIA. In response, Jillian Galloway provided an update and confirmed that pathways of care were in the forefront of the draft proposals and in terms of the EIA confirmed that this was a working document that would be continually reviewed, going forward.

The Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to approve the strategic direction for GP Practice Premises Strategy Angus;
- (ii) to recognise that consultation and engagement regarding the draft strategy was planned for November 2022;
- (iii) to delegate authority to Angus HSCP Executive Management Team to approve the Angus GP Practice Premises Strategy subject to consultation; and
- (iv) to approve the Direction, as outlined in Appendix 3 to the Report and instruct the Chief Officer to issue the Direction to NHS Tayside.

12. PRIMARY CARE IMPROVEMENT FUND

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 23 February 2022, there was submitted Report No IJB 70/22 by the Chief Officer providing an update in relation to the Primary Care Improvement Fund (PCIF) allocation for 2022-23.

The Report indicated that in February 2022, the IJB approved work with Dundee and Perth and Kinross HSCPs to develop regional plans for utilising the reserve reflecting the intention and desired outcomes of PCIF and recognising that the available funding was non-recurring and was agreed jointly with the Local Medical Committee (LMC), (Report IJB 8/22 refers).

The annual national allocation for PCIF as confirmed by the Scottish Government, for 2022/23 was £170m.

The IJB had built up a significant PCIF reserve since 2018/19. As a result of annual funding being in excess of annual PCIF spend, and in turn, recruitment challenges, the impact and challenges of progressing change during COVID; and constraints of funding guidance associated with PCIF, at March 2022, the PCIF reserves were £2.648m.

In August 2022, the Scottish Government withdrew the PCIF reserves held by IJBs across Scotland, and for Angus, the reserves intended to support the development of Primary Care were withdrawn, noting that Angus suffered disproportionately given the higher PCIF reserves position, in comparison to other areas.

The Service Manager, Angus Primary Care provided a brief overview and highlighted the impact for Primary Care locally as a result of the withdrawal of the PCIF reserves. In noting the challenging position, outlined the proposal for the development of an Angus Investment Fund for Primary Care that would allow the IJB to continue to progress some of the initiatives that had previously been planned.

The Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to acknowledge the position in relation to the Primary Care Improvement Fund (PCIF) allocation;
- (ii) to approve the in-year plan for PCIF spend;
- (iii) to support the position in relation to the development of an "Angus Investment Fund for Primary Care", noting this would be funded from the in-year 2022/23 financial position, and in the first instance, it was recommended that this be set at £0.7m. This represented about 25% of the funds that had reverted to the Scottish Government but would allow some of the previous intentions to be progressed;
- (iv) to support the acceleration of the recruitment of a Project Support Officer (previously approved in report IJB 8/22), a post that was critical to the delivery of the GP Practice Premises Strategy; and
- (v) to approve the Direction, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the Report and instruct the Chief Officer to issue the Direction to NHS Tayside.

At this point, the Staff Representative, Angus Council left the meeting.

At this stage, the meeting was adjourned for a short comfort break. The meeting resumed at 16.02pm.

13. ANGUS AND DUNDEE STROKE REHABILITATION PATHWAY REVIEW

With reference to Article 14 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 23 February 2022, there was submitted Report No IJB 71/22 by the Chief Officer providing an update of progress made to redesign the Dundee and Angus Stroke Rehabilitation Pathway.

The Report indicated that the development of the pathway emphasised the support and commitment to delivering effective, high quality, specialist care within the community setting. The pathway linked directly to priority areas three and four of the Strategic Plan and to multiple priorities within the National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes.

At the meeting of the IJB on 25 August 2021, the IJB supported and approved the proposal for Angus residents to receive home based Stroke Rehabilitation, where appropriate (Report IJB 46/21) refers. Individuals who required Stroke Specific In-patient Rehabilitation received this within Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) Dundee. A progress update was provided to the IJB in February 2022 (Report IJB 10/22).

The Report sought final approval to deliver the Dundee and Angus Stroke In-patient Rehabilitation Pathway and the permanent relocation of Angus stroke rehabilitation inpatient beds to RVH and therefore the closure of Ward 7 Stroke at Stracathro Hospital -10 beds.

Morag Hambleton, AHP Service Manager provided an overview of the evolving model of stroke care and rehabilitation including the linked stages involved to deliver the model. She also confirmed that the multidisciplinary Project Implementation Group continued to meet every two weeks.

She highlighted the key areas of progress in relation to workforce; rehabilitation pathways; and the continual development and testing new ways of working with the third sector. She confirmed that delivery models were progressing for the Neurological and Stroke Hub (NASH). An update was provided in terms of communication and engagement activities and the creation of the Pathway Overview Infographic leaflet outlined in Appendix 2 to the Report; the collaborative work with Dundee IJB; future resource investment; and the identified risks.

The Chair acknowledged the national increase of patients presenting with stroke and requested that consideration should be given to providing patient and carers feedback in the next update to be brought forward to the IJB in February 2023.

Eunice McLennan, Head of Community Care and Health Services in response, provided an update on patient and carers' feedback received and confirmed that feedback information would be brought forward in the next update, thereafter she confirmed that the Report had been considered and approved at Dundee IJB at their meeting, earlier today.

The Third Sector Representative provided an informative overview of the art therapy pilot project and that following a recent review of the pilot, indicated there were proposals to further expand this. She highlighted the positive benefits and support provided and also confirmed that four individuals had now taken up the opportunity to move into volunteering roles within the community.

The AHP Service Manager also responded to comments and questions from Councillors Speed and Meechan, the Carer's Representative and Registered Medical Practitioner in relation to transport barriers and financial implications for staff, services users and families; EIA; future service provision and support; acute and winter pressures; and potential funding option for travel arrangements.

Eunice McLennan, Head of Community Health and Care Services and the Chief Officer also responded to questions related to transport barriers and whole system approach. Thereafter, Jillian Galloway, Head of Community Health and Care Services confirmed that winter pressures had been taken into account when progressing the pathway review.

The Chief Officer welcomed the development of Neurological and Stroke Hub (NASH) and the work being provided by the third sector organisation including Tayside Healthcare Art Trust. She also took the opportunity to commend the AHP Service Manager and her team for their work involved in the further development of the pathway to support the delivery of care within the community setting.

The AHP Service Manager intimated that she was not aware of any feedback received in terms of transport barriers but would take these concerns back to the Group and review the feedback form in due course.

The Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to approve the redesigned service delivery and financial model of the inpatient Dundee and Angus Stroke Rehabilitation Pathway;
- (ii) to approve the transition of the stroke rehabilitation inpatient beds from Angus to Dundee with establishment of a person centred, stroke specific community rehabilitation pathway which aligns to the national Progressive Stroke Pathway and Tayside patient feedback;
- (iii) to approve the closure of Ward 7 Stroke Rehabilitation Unit at Stracathro Hospital of 10 beds;
- (iv) to request that the developing plans for the community-based model be brought to the IJB in February 2023; and
- (v) to approve the Direction, as outlined in Appendix 3 of the Report; and instructs the Chief Officer to issue the Direction to NHS Tayside.

14. MEDICINE FOR THE ELDERLY – INPATIENT BED REVIEW

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 10 January 2018, there was submitted Report No IJB 72/22 by the Chief Officer providing members with an update on progress made to redesign Medicine for the Elderly Inpatient Service across Angus.

The Report indicated that work had been undertaken to consider options for providing Inpatient Medicine for the Elderly beds across Angus, noting that some of the work had been expedited during the pandemic. In November 2020 the increasing number of COVID-19 positive cases both in the community and Ninewells Hospital prompted a review of how COVID-19 was managed within community hospitals in Angus.

The proposed changes indicated that people requiring an Medicine for the Elderly inpatient bed in Angus would receive their care within an environment that was safe, person-centred, sustainable for the future and had met the requirements of the NHS Tayside patient placement pathways for COVID-19, and as a result, better able to meet people's individual clinical needs.

Cindy Graham, Service Leader, Community Health and Care Services provided a detailed overview of the Report and highlighted the key areas of the service redesign related to Stracathro Hospital, Whitehills Health and Community Care Centre and Arbroath Infirmary. An update was also provided in terms of the quality care, staffing arrangements and the range of communication and engagement events held.

Dr Ian Logan, Consultant and Clinical Lead in Medicine for the Elderly provided an informative update and highlighted the safety risks that had been identified and that Ward 2 at Stracathro was not fit for purpose. In terms of Whitehills Health and Community Care Centre, he highlighted that each patient had a single en-suite room large enough for safe movement of patients and equipment. Also as a consequence, the move from a 3 site model to a 2 site model, had supported the consolidation of medical staffing and better cover at all levels.

Councillors Meechan and Speed raised questions related to visiting hours and also reiterated the concerns raised in the previous agenda item, regarding the financial difficulties arising from additional transport costs. Councillor Speed enquired whether a "hardship fund" could be further explored.

Eunice McLennan, Head of Community Health and Care Services in response, provided an update on public engagement undertaken and highlighted that there had been no identified concerns raised in regards to access to medical care or in terms of the ability of relatives to visit

family members. She intimated that there were discussions ongoing in relation to the consideration of a hospital fund being available.

The Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to approve the closure of Ward 2 Medicine for the Elderly at Stracathro Hospital (14 Beds);
- (ii) to approve the reduction by one bed in Arbroath Infirmary from 22 to 21 beds.;
- (iii) to approve the continued use of an additional of 10 beds within Whitehills Health and Community Care Centre (WHCCC) bringing the total beds within WHCCC to 31 beds; and
- (iv) to approve the Direction, as outlined in Appendix 2 to the Report, and instruct the Chief Officer to issue the Direction to NHS Tayside.

At this stage, the Registered Medical Practitioner and George Bowie, Head of Community Health and Care Services left the meeting.

The Carer's Representative left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

15. ANNUAL CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER REPORT 2021-22

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 27 October 21, there was submitted Report No IJB 73/22 by the Chief Social Work Officer presenting the Angus Council Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2021/2022.

The Report was submitted to the Integration Joint Board, for information, and contributed to the assurance related to the provision of statutory social work and social care services delivered by the Health and Social Care Partnership and delegated to the IJB.

The Report gave an overview of how Angus Council performed in the delivery of a wide range of social work and social care services during 2021/22, and also acknowledged the external pressures that had impacted on the delivery of services and increased service demand this year including the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, the emerging cost of living crisis and the budgetary pressures on all local authority and partner services. Further impact was the transformative change proposed in terms of the National Care Service.

The Chief Social Work Officer provided a brief summary of the key challenges, achievements, developments and improvements in terms of social work and social care services within Angus, during 2021/22.

The Clinical Director and Councillor Speed raised comments and questions related to the downward trend in care home placements; emergency detention figures Self Directed Support (SDS) and Continuing Care. In response, the Chief Social Work Officer provided an update related to the Mental Health Officer (MHO) functions, increased MHO capacity, and in reference to the shortfall in specialist doctors, highlighted the challenges and significant impact on MHOs and GPs in undertaking the increased number of emergency detention assessments.

The Clinical Director intimated that she would welcome further discussion in order to consider and address the challenges and issues arising in terms of emergency detention assessments.

The Chief Social Work Officer, in response to Councillor's Speed question related to SDS, intimated that there was ongoing discussions with families in terms of the range of provider support. In terms of continuing care, she confirmed there had been increased requests during 2021/22 for eligible young people to remain in placements, and whilst this was a positive development for the young person, the widened eligibility had impacted on both finance resources and placement availability. Also confirmed that care experienced young people and adults continued to have support from the Horizon service.

The Chief Officer referred to the key challenges and impact of budget pressures on the service and an update previously provided by the Chief Social Work Officer, and intimated that it would be beneficial for a similar update to be provided to a future development session, as discussed earlier today.

She also took the opportunity to commend the team for their hard work and commitment.

In response to Councillor Speed's question related to SDS, Eunice McLennan, Head of Community Health and Care Services provided an update and confirmed that a briefing paper to provide further information in relation to capacity and demand would be brought forward to an IJB meeting in due course. Also in terms of the Transition Group, provided a brief update and intimated that further information would also be brought forward to a future IJB meeting.

The Chair on behalf of the Board requested that the Chief Social Work Officer convey to her team, the Board's appreciation of the work undertaken during these challenging times.

The Integration Joint Board agreed to note the contents of the Annual Chief Social Work Officer Report for 2021-2022 as outlined in Appendix 1 to the Report.

16. COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRESS UPDATE

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 27 October 2021, there was submitted Report No IJB 74/22 by the Chief Officer providing an update to members on progress made to advance the communication and engagement activities of the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP).

The Report indicated that AHSCP had continued to build on the communication and engagement that had already taken place to ensure that the views of people who used services and wider stakeholders were constantly shaping the way services were delivered by AHSCP.

Appendices 1 and 2 of the Report outlined the Action plan update and a summary of examples of Angus HSCP Engagement Activities undertaken and planned during the period October 2021 to December 2022.

The Service Manager, Integration provided a brief overview of the Report, thereafter the Chief Officer commended the comprehensive and detailed Report and also took the opportunity to acknowledge the excellent and immense communication and engagement work being progressed locally in Angus.

Thereafter, the Third Sector Representative echoed the Chief Officer's sentiments, and highlighted by continuing to work collaboratively, engagement and communication would continually be developed and improved, going forward.

The Integration Joint Board agreed:-

- (i) to accept the actions that had been undertaken and the progress that had been made to advance the communication and engagement activities of Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP); and
- (ii) to request a refreshed Communication and Engagement Plan to be prepared and an update report to be presented to the IJB in October 2023.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The IJB noted the next meeting of the Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board would be held on Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 2.00pm.