



ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD - 26 APRIL 2023
DIRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE UPDATE
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 the revised IJB Directions Policy and Procedure (Appendix 1).

2. BACKGROUND

On 24 August 2022 IJB members approved the Angus IJB Directions Policy and Procedure as outlined in Appendix 1 to IJB report 51/22.

IJB members requested a revised Policy be prepared and presented back to the IJB for approval.

3. CURRENT POSITION

The revised 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 Policy now reflects that any Direction issued by the IJB must meet all clinical and care governance requirements and standards to ensure patient safety and public protection as well as ensure staff and financial governance.

The flowchart has been updated to include reference consultation/engagement with key partners prior to directions being issued.

Guidance has been included about when communication can be issued once the decision to issue a Direction has been made.

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

There are no risks arising directly from 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 2023