

AGENDA ITEM NO 3(a)

MINUTE of HYBRID MEETING of the **ANGUS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Wednesday 30 April 2025 at 2.00pm.

Present: Voting Members of Integration Joint Board

Councillor JULIE BELL, Angus Council
MARTIN BLACK, Non-Executive Board Member, NHS Tayside
SAM RIDDELL, Non-Executive Board Member, NHS Tayside
Councillor CHRIS BEATTIE, Angus Council
Councillor LOIS SPEED, Angus Council

Non-Voting Members of Integration Joint Board

JILLIAN GALLOWAY, Chief Officer
ALEXANDER BERRY, Chief Finance Officer
CHRISTOPHER SCHOFIELD, Registered Medical Practitioner
ALISON CLEMENT, Clinical Director
ANDREW THOMSON, GP Representative
ANDREW JACK, Service User Representative
KIRSTY LEE, Chief Social Work Officer, Angus Council
DAVID MACKENZIE, Carers Representative
RON McCOMISKIE, Interim Staff Representative, NHS Tayside
JEMMA REID, Independent Sector Representative

Advisory Officers

JOHN COOPER, Head of Community Health and Care Services, AHSCP
EUNICE MCLENNAN, Head of Community Health and Care Services AHSCP
LISA PRUDOM, Head of Community Health and Care Services, AHSCP
DAVID COULSON, Director of Pharmacy, NHS Tayside
TINA KIDD, Legal, Governance & Change, Angus Council

Councillor JULIE BELL, Vice Chair, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Chair advised members that Agenda Item 3(a), minute of meeting of this Committee of 26 February 2025, had not been published within the required 5 clear days before the meeting. However, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 3.5, the Chair determined that the matter be considered as the minute had been issued to members in sufficient time to consider.

The Chair also informed members that due to the decision of the Special Angus Council of 22 April 2025, Item 5 be deferred and considered at the Integrated Joint Board on 25 June 2025.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Steven Whyte, Non-Executive Board Member, Chris Boyle, Staff Representative, Angus Council, Lesley Sharkey, Nurse Director and Hayley Mearns, Third Sector Representative.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/STATEMENT OF TRANSPARENCY

There were no declarations of interest or statements of transparency made.

3. MINUTES INCLUDING ACTION LOG AND CHAIR'S ASSURANCE REPORTS

(a) Previous Meeting

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 26 February 2025 was submitted and approved as correct record

(b) Action Log

The action log of the Angus Integration Joint Board of 26 February 2025 was submitted. The Director of Pharmacy, NHS Tayside provided a statement in relation to the current position with regards to Prescribing and Medicines Governance.

The Chief Officer confirmed that members were content with an update coming to the Integrated Joint Board on 25 June 2025.

Thereafter, the Integrated Joint Board noted the update and the action log.

4. SERVICE USER STORY

The Chief Officer proposed that the service user story be deferred and would be brought to the Integrated Joint Board on 25 June 2025 alongside the Mental Health and Learning disability update. This was agreed by the Integrated Joint Board.

5. APPOINTMENTS TO THE INTEGRATED JOINT BOARD

As noted above, the Integration Joint Board agreed that Report No IJB 20/25 by the Chief Officer be deferred to the meeting of the IJB on 25 June 2025.

6. CHIEF OFFICER UPDATE

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 26 February 2025, there was submitted Report No IJB 21/25 by the Chief Officer providing an update to the Angus Integration Joint Board on items that at this time did not merit a full Report, but the Board may wish to note the updated position. The Report detailed updates on work underway across Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP) and information in relation to a range of policy updates.

The Chief Officer highlighted items within the Report regarding resilience management, extended her thanks to the Executive Management team with regards to the recent South Grange Evacuation and the recent visit by Gregor Smith the Chief Medical Officer in Montrose.

The Report also updated members of the current position with regards to delayed discharges, confirming that there were currently 12 delays across Angus, 6 of which were Learning Disabilities.

It was noted that David MacKenzie had previously asked for information with regards to respite care. The Chief Officer apologised for this oversight and would ensure that this information was provided to Mr MacKenzie outwith the meeting and included in the next Chief Officer Report.

Councillor Lois Speed asked if the learning disabilities discharge delay figure of 6 was incorporated into the unmet need figure and asked for a brief description with regards to any issues experienced with regards to recent Community Alarm issues. John Cooper and Eunice McLennan, both Head of Community Health and Care Services provided detailed responses.

Following questions and comments, the Integration Joint Board noted the contents of the Report.

7. UPDATED ANNUAL WORKPLAN 2024-2025

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 26 February 2025, there was submitted Report No IJB 22/25 by the Chief Officer setting out the Updated Annual Work Plan/Report Schedule for the Angus Integrated Joint Board for 2025/2026.

David MacKenzie and Councillor Speed asked about the Day Opportunities Report which had been scheduled for the current meeting. The Chief Officer provided an update on the delay and provided reassurance that there was work on going and that an update would be provided within the Chief Officer Update Report at the next meeting of the Board on 25 June 2025.

Following questions and comments, the Integration Joint Board agreed: -

- (i) to approve the updated workplan/reporting schedule for 2025/2026;
- (ii) to note that the annual workplan/reporting schedule 2025/26 would be presented at each Angus Integrated Joint Board meeting as a standing agenda item; and
- (iii) to approve the draft development session plan for 2025/26 as detailed within Appendix 2 of the Report.

8 FINANCE REPORT – 2024/25

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 26 February 2025, there was submitted Report No IJB 23/25 by the Chief Finance Officer providing an update on the financial position of the Angus Integrated Joint Board including financial projections for 2024/25, an update on planned interventions, reserves and financial risk.

The Chief Finance Officer provided an overview of some of the key areas of the Report, including the current position from a financial perspective, noting that Appendix 1 to the Report detailed a projected underspend of c£3.793 for 2024/2025. The Integrated Joint Board were reminded that throughout the year, the Integrated Joint Board Finance reports reflected “management accounting” information for management purposes. The Integrated Joint Board’s impending final year end position would be reported from both a “management accounting” perspective in Reports as well as the published annual accounts, from a “financial accounting” perspective. The differences to these were within the report.

Section 5 of the Report provided members with an overview of the current position and the Chief Finance Officer drew members attention to the section on Inpatient Mental Health services which updated members on overspends and financial planning which tied in with the recommendations provided within the Report. There was also a further update provided with regards to Large Hospital Services.

Councillor Speed expressed her concerns with regards the financial position and year on year underspends and would like to see how budget transferred back to partners was being used. Highlighting around Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and the impact of this on adult mental health services. The Chair acknowledged that although money goes back to NHS Tayside where Angus residents still benefitted from this money. Through the use of other NHS Services outwith the delegated services that fall under the Integrated Joint Board criteria. The Chief Officer advised than an update with regards to the current CAMHS position would be provided within the Chief Officer Update Report at the next meeting of 25 June 2025.

Following discussions and questions, the Integration Joint Board agreed: -

- (i) to note the overall projected financial position of the Angus Integrated Joint Board; and
- (ii) to note the update on reserves within Appendix 2 attached to the Report.

9. ANGUS IJB STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLAN 2025/26-2027/28

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 26 February 2025, there was submitted Report No IJB 24/25 by the Chief Finance Officer providing an update to the Integrated Joint Board regarding the further development of the Angus Integrated Joint Board Strategic Financial Plan for the period 2025/26 to 2027/28 and seeking approval for the Report’s recommendations.

The Report set out an updated draft of the three-year Strategic Financial Plan (SFP) for the IJB. The plan was intended to be consistent with, and a financial representation of the IJB’s Strategic Commissioning Plan (SCP). The report looked ahead to 2025/26 and beyond, against a backdrop of significant uncertainty specifically the unprecedented financial pressure in the public sector in Scotland.

The Report provided a draft view of the IJB's Strategic Financial Plan for 2025/26 to 2027/28 and captured information regarding current financial performance, funding assumptions, cost pressures and strategic commitments, planned interventions, Lead Partner Services and IJB Reserves. Appendix 3 of the Report provided an overview with regards to Employers' National Insurance Contributions – Commissioned Services. The Chief Finance Officer spoke regarding Table 4 within Section 7 of the Report, with regards to IJB Financial Planning Position adjusted for Non-Recurring Savings/Underspends and use of Reserves.

Appendix 2 of the Report provided the Integrated Joint Board with an overview of the Financial Risk Assessment along with Section 8 of the Report.

The Integration Joint Board agreed: -

- (i) to note the current version of the Strategic Financial Plan for 2025/26 to 2027/28; and
- (ii) to approve the adoption of the 2025/26 position as an interim financial planning framework.

10. BUDGET SETTLEMENT – ANGUS COUNCIL

With reference to Article 2 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 21 February 2024, there was submitted Report No IJB 25/25 by the Chief Finance Officer updating the Integrated Joint Board regarding the proposed Budget Settlements between Angus Integrated Joint Board and Angus Council for 2025/26.

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

In relation to the Budget Settlement Angus Council, in 2024/25, Angus Council provided c£74.725m of core recurring financial support to Angus Health and Social Care Partnership noting the figure was subject to subsequent amendments including additional Scottish Government funding of £0.672m, centralisation of non-funded pension costs of £0.075, uplifting from 2024/25 Pay Award funding received from the Scottish Government of £0.165m and other minor adjustments.

The position was that Scottish Government budget proposals set out that Integrated Joint Board funding from Angus Council should equal the 2024/25 budget/funding plus the local share of additional funding as outlined in Section 5.3 of the Report, therefore the proposed budget settlement for 2025/25 from Angus Council to Angus IJB would be £78.992m.

The Report also noted the uplift of the Adult Social Care minimum pay to £12.60 per hour, which was an important arrangement for the Social Care Workforce and the associated finding would assist Angus Health and Social Care Partnership and its partners with workforce recruitment and retention issues.

Following a number of questions and detailed responses, the Integration Joint Board agreed to note the views of the Chief Officer and the Chief Finance Officer and accepted the proposed budget offer of £78.992m for 2025/26 from Angus Council.

11. CLINICAL, CARE AND PROFESSIONAL GOVERNANCE ASSURANCE REPORT

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 18 December 2024, there was submitted Report No IJB 26/25 by the Clinical Director providing assurance on the clinical and care governance activities and arrangements across Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP).

The Report provided the Board with a detailed update which covered risk, resilience and indicators and how this risk was managed while ensuring quality care was provided. The Report informed members that the Chief Officer for Angus HSCP suggested that the level of assurance provided was reasonable, there was a list of factors within the Report as to how this decision had been reached.

It was noted that the Report proposed a level of reasonable assurance regarding the risks presented, however the individual risks highlighted within the Report outlined limited assurance. This reflected the complex landscape across NHS Tayside regarding primary care, mental health and overall strategic planning within financial constraints currently. However, overall, the collective risk management within Clinical, Care and Professional Governance provided mitigation on a scale wider than the risks highlighted within the Report, as such a greater level of assurance had been given.

Following questions, the Integration Joint Board agreed: -

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) that there was a reasonable level of assurance regards clinical, care and professional governance within Angus Health and Social Care Partnership; and
- (iii) to acknowledge that further reports would be presented as per the workplan.

12. IN PATIENT LEARNING DISABILITY TRANSITION UPDATE

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 18 December 2024, there was submitted Report No IJB 27/25 by the Chief Officer updating the Integrated Joint Board on the progress being made with the Inpatient Learning Disabilities Transition.

The Report was the second quarterly report which reflected discussions and progress to date in the planning phase of the Learning Disability Inpatient Transition Programme. Within section 5 of the Report there was an update status for each of the nine previously agreed recommendations.

The Report noted that there were significant challenges identifying suitable and appropriate care provision to meet the needs of the cohort of people who were currently delayed in the Inpatient Units. Extensive work was being undertaken to identify care provisions that meet people's long-term needs, that can ensure family relationships are maintained where appropriate and in line with the Coming Home agenda.

Following questions the Integration Joint Board agreed: -

- (i) to note and continue to support the progress being made with the Inpatient Learning Disability Transition work;
- (ii) to continue to support any further updates to come to future Integration Joint Boards and modify the Integrated Joint Boards workplans to reflect this; and
- (iii) that the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership would submit a report to the Integrated Joint Board in June 2025 outlining the impact and requirements of the delivery of commissioning social care in the context of the Inpatient Learning Disability Transition work.

13. ANGUS PRIMARY CARE

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 30 October 2024, there was submitted Report No IJB 28/25 by the Chief Officer updating the Integrated Joint Board on Primary Care within Angus, including the progress made with the implementation of Angus Primary Care Improvement Plan during 2024/25 and progress made to date supporting the Angus General Practice Premises Strategy 2023/26.

Lisa Prudom, Head of Community Health and Care Services provided the Board with a detailed update on the work being done within Primary Care highlighting section 5 of the Report which provided an overview of the current position of Primary Care Improvement Fund, The Vaccination Transformation Program, Pharmacotherapy, Community Care and Treatment Service, Urgent Care, Occupational Therapy in Primary Care and Premises.

Within the Report there were proposals for consideration by the Integrated Joint Board with regards to premises in Kirriemuir and Forfar noting that any finalised plan would be subject to further approval of the Integrated Joint Board.

Andrew Thomson requested that information in context of the wider scope of primary care to see the overall structure be provided within future Reports.

Also noting within Section 5.1.1 of the Report the Primary Care fund should be amended to the Primary Care Improvement Plan and further noting within Section 7.1.2 of the Report the contractual approval of spend is from the local medical committee rather than the GP Sub Committee which is an advisory board.

Following questions and discussions, the Integration Joint Board agreed: -

- (i) to acknowledge the progress made to date on the Primary Care Improvement Plan;
- (ii) to acknowledge the position in relation to the Primary Care Improvement Fund;
- (iii) to acknowledge the position in relation to practice premises and progress made to date with the Angus GP Practice Premises Strategy 2023/26;
- (iv) to approve that from existing reserves, the Integrated Joint Board work towards creating earmarks to support the progress of the Kirriemuir and Academy proposals, noting any finalised plan to deploy reserves in this way would be subject to further Integrated Joint Board approval;
- (v) to request the Chief Officer provide an update regarding direction at the meeting of 25 June 2025; and
- (vi) to acknowledge that progress would be monitored through the Angus Primary Care Strategic Oversight Group.

At this stage, the meeting was adjourned for a short comfort break. The meeting resumed at 3.48pm

14. JOINT ANGUS ADVOCACY STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK PROGRESS UPDATE

With reference to Article 15 of the minute of meeting of this Board of 28 August 2024, there was submitted Report No IJB 29/25 by the Chief Officer providing an update to the Integrated Joint Board on the implementation of actions within the Joint Angus Advocacy Strategic Framework 2023-2026.

The Report indicated that the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 imposed a duty on local authorities and health boards to collaborate to ensure the availability of independent advocacy services in their area for those with a mental disorder (children, young people and adults). A mental disorder was defined as: any mental illness, personality disorder and learning disability.

The Angus Advocacy Strategic Framework 2023 – 2026 – Delivery Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to the Report, outlined all commissioned services in one document and detailed the priorities and actions with any remaining actions being progressed.

It was reported that a multiagency Advocacy Planning Group oversees the implementation of the delivery plan and meet every two months. At each meeting, the group records progress of actions within the delivery plan of the Framework. Progress against the high-level actions through 2023-2026 were summarised within Table 1 of the Report.

Within the Report it was noted that when developing the Joint Angus Advocacy Strategic Framework, the original timeframe was intended to be 2023-2026. As the current plan was not approved by the Integrated Joint Board until February 2024, it was proposed that the current plan be extended to 2027.

Following questions and discussions, the Joint Integration Board agreed: -

- (i) to note the contents of the Report and acknowledge the progress in relation to the Joint Angus Advocacy Delivery Plan 2023-2026;
- (ii) that a further update be submitted to the IJB in April 2026; and
- (iii) to approve the extension of the Joint Angus Advocacy Strategic Framework from 2023-2026 to 2023-2027.

15. SOCIAL CARE PLANNED PROCURMENT AND COMMISSIONING SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

With Reference to Article 18 of the minute of this Board of 30 October 2024 there was submitted Report No IJB 30/25 by the Chief Officer, updating members on the planned commissioning development actions for 2025/26, including the development of Market Facilitation Statement Interim Update 2025-26 and a proposed Commissioning Implementation Plan.

The Report provided members with an update and highlighted that the current Market Facilitation Statement required to be reviewed in line with current and future demands. The current Market Facilitation Statement was aligned to the timeframe of the Strategic Commissioning Plan 2023-2026 which was due to be updated next year. Appendix 1 of the Report provided members with the Market Facilitation Statement Interim Update 2025-26 to support current priorities and presented future commission needs over the coming year. A full, revised Marketing Facilitation Statement 2026-2029 would be drafted alongside the updated Strategic Commissioning Plan to ensure they were fully aligned and informed by demographic data from the updated Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Appendix 2 of the Report provided members with the Commissioning Implementation Plan 2025-26 which had been developed to support the rollout and delivery of the Market Facilitation Statement Interim Update. Appendices 3 and 4 provided members with a Combined Impact Assessment and Direction.

The Report informed members of a Provider Engagement Event which would take place in June 2025, to 'launch' the Interim Market Facilitation Statement. This event would allow commissioned care providers to hear from Officers about the current financial pressures, what the current and future needs in Angus were and what the Angus Health and Social Care Partnerships expectations were in respect of evidencing service user outcomes aligned to the Strategic Commissioning Plan ahead of the next iteration of Angus Health and Social Care Partnerships Strategic Commissioning Plan.

Following questions the Integrated Joint Board having considered and discussed the contents of the Report agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Market Facilitation Statement Interim Update 2025-26;
- (ii) to approve the Commissioning Implementation Plan 2025-26;
- (iii) to approve works towards creating an earmark to support the development of existing Care Homes in Angus to expand the available provision and to increase the sustainability of the local Care Home Sector;
- (iv) to request that the development of a full, revised Market Facilitation Statement 2026-2029 be brought to Angus Integrated Joint Board in February 2026;
- (v) to request that an update on the delivery of the Commissioning Implementation Plan 2025-26 be brought back to Angus Integrated Joint Board in October 2025; and
- (vi) to direct Angus Council to implement the 2025-26 interim Market Facilitation Statement and to enable Independent Care Homes to access the proposed Care Home Development Fund.

16. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of this Board of 25 October 2023 there was submitted Report No IJB 31/25 by the Chief Officer presenting the Director of Public Health (DPH) Annual Report 2024/25 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report, providing an overview of key health and ill-health metrics and risk factors that could be influenced to determine the likelihood and course of disease.

The Annual Report was designed as a reference tool for all agencies and organisations in Tayside to keep them informed of key population health metrics, current public health challenges and future anticipated trends. It was designed to help focus the action required to improve the health of people living in Tayside and continue to galvanise collective effort to improve health, reduce inequalities, focus on prevention and deliver best outcomes for all.

The Chief Officer introduced the Report and highlighted a number of the key points outlined in the Annual Report. There being no Public Health representative available the Chief Officer offered to forward any questions or comments on and would provide responses to members in due course.

Following discussion and comments, the Integration Joint Board agreed: -

- (i) to acknowledge and support the Report;
- (ii) to request an update on the actions and progress related to the Prevention and Proactive Care priority within the Strategic Commissioning Plan, including how this work aligned with the key themes and recommendations outlined in the Director of Public Health's Annual Report; and
- (iii) to consider the Health Impact Screening Tool, including its potential application in supporting the informed and evidence-based decision making for Angus Integrated Joint Board.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The IJB noted that the next hybrid meeting of the Angus Integration Joint Board would be held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Wednesday 25 June 2025 at 2.00pm.