

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 25/12
Paper Title:	West Dunbartonshire Integration Joint Board Report
Meeting:	NHSGGC Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	25 February 2025
Purpose of Paper:	For Awareness and Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Date of IJB	28 January 2025
Committee Chairperson:	Chair – Michelle Wailes

1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board of key items of discussion which took place at the West Dunbartonshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) on the 28 January 2025.

2. Recommendation

The NHS Board is asked to consider the following recommendations: To note the items for discussion at the meeting of the West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Board (IJB) which took place on the 28 January 2025.

3. Key Items of Discussion

The key agenda items considered at the HSCP Board on 28 January 2025 were:

VERBAL UPDATE FROM CHIEF OFFICER

Beth Culshaw, Chief Officer, provided a verbal update on the recent business of the Health and Social Care Partnership. She noted it had been a busy month with the Management Team being heavily involved in financial planning and cost savings.

Ms Culshaw went on to thank the Front-Line Teams as well as back office for their efforts in response to the Storm Eowyn.

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Ms Culshaw gave an update on Delayed Discharges and noted that in recent weeks there had been an unfortunate increase with Acute Delays sitting at 30.

Ms Culshaw reported on the media coverage of Queens Quay environmental issues. Work is progressing continuously, and the hope is that it will be resolved in the next week.

There were several questions for the Chief Officer: Lesley McDonald asked for data regarding those who were waiting for Care at Home within the delayed discharges. The Chief Officer responded that there were 3 people waiting for this.

Martin Rooney asked for an update on vaccinations for the Health and Social Care staff group as well as those who are vulnerable within the community. The Chief Officer passed over to Val Tierney, Chief Nurse who commented positively on the uptake of flu and covid vaccines at around 95% for those in Care Homes. She commented that staff data is trickier to be captured but it has been promoted extensively. The uptake of flu vaccines has been lower overall however this will be considered with regards to promotion next year.

Martin Rooney asked for comment from the Chief Officer regarding the Community Link Workers funding. The Chief Officer, supported by the Clinical Director explained that initially there was delayed recruitment of community link workers, with reserves built up followed by a period of over-recruitment to use the reserves accrued. At that time it was not known if the Scottish Government would continue to fund any additional commitments. Without this funding and to meet financial objectives, the Primary Care Improvement Fund Steering Group will have to prioritise which work streams to support with funding.

2024/25 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT: PERIOD 9 (31 DECEMBER 2024)

Julie Slavin, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the financial performance as at period 9 to 31 December 2024 and a projected outturn position to 31 March 2025. The HSCP Board:

- a) Noted the updated position in relation to budget movements on the 2024/25 allocation by West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board and approve the direction for 2024/25 back to our partners to deliver services to meet the HSCP Board's strategic priorities;
- b) Noted the reported revenue position for the period to 31 December 2024 is reporting an adverse (overspend) position of £2.471m (1.62%);
- c) Noted the projected outturn position of £3.277m overspend (1.58%) for 2024/25 including all planned transfers to/from earmarked reserves;
- d) Noted that the impact of recovery planning actions taken to date by the Senior Management Team to address the projected overspend;
- e) Noted the update on the monitoring of savings agreed for 2024/25;
- f) Noted the bad debt write off for July to September 2024;
- g) Noted the current reserves balances and the impact the projected overspend has on unearmarked balances;
- h) Noted the update on the capital position and projected completion timelines; and

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- i) Noted that the progress to date on the budget planning process for 2025/26 to 2027/28.

2025/26 ANNUAL BUDGET SETTING UPDATE (REVENUE ESTIMATES)

Julie Slavin, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the revenue estimates exercise for 2025/26, including the main cost pressures, funding assumptions and key financial risks. The HSCP Board:

- a) Noted the progress on the 2025/26 budget setting process, planning assumptions, updated gap analysis, and the expected timeline in relation to the HSCP Boards partner bodies budget offers;
- b) Noted the analysis of the reserves position and the projected balances as at 31 March 2025;
- c) Noted that options to close the gap will be presented to the HSCP Board on the 24 March 2025;
- d) Noted the current progress and implications of the 2025/26 revised plans for delivery on programmes funded through the Enhanced Mental Health Outcomes Framework; and after consideration of the plans, approve the proposed funding arrangements to deliver programmes in 2025/26.

AUDIT SCOTLAND: INTEGRATION JOINT BOARDS' (IJBs) FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE 2024 – SELF EVALUATION AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Margaret-Jane Cardno, Head of Strategy and Transformation, provided an update on the outcomes of the informal self-evaluation event held on the 12 November 2024. The HSCP Board approved the HSCP Board Finance and Performance Improvement Plan.

4. Issues for referral to Standing Committees of the Board or escalation to the NHS Board

There were no issues for referral or escalation to other Standing Committees or the NHS Board.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The approved minutes of previous HSCP Board meetings together with all the relevant background papers can be found via the following link: [HSCP Board Meeting Papers - West Dunbartonshire HSCP \(wdhscp.org.uk\)](https://www.wdhscp.org.uk)

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the West Dunbartonshire HSCP Board is Monday 28 March 2025.