



North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

**Minute of Integration Joint Board meeting held on
Thursday 13 June 2024 at 10.00 a.m.**

**involving participation by remote electronic means and physical attendance
within the Council Chambers, Irvine.**

Present (Physical Participation)

Voting Members

Councillor Margaret Johnson, North Ayrshire Council (Chair)
Joyce White, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Anthea Dickson, North Ayrshire Council
Tom Hopkins, NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Professional Advisers

Caroline Cameron, Director of Health and Social Care Partnership
Paul Doak, Head of Service (HSCP Finance and Transformation)/Section 95 Officer
Scott Hunter, Chief Social Work Officer
Thelma Bowers, Mental Health Adviser
Sharon Hackney, Lead Allied Health Professional

Stakeholder Representatives

Linda McFarlane, Staff Representative

Present (Remote Participation)

Voting Members

Councillor Timothy Billings, North Ayrshire Council
Jean Ford, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Marc Mazzucco, NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Professional Advisers

Iain Jamieson, Clinical Director
Elaine Young, Public Health Representative

In Attendance (Physical Participation)

Elizabeth Stewart, Head of Service (Children, Families and Justice)
Kerry Logan, Head of Service (Health and Community Care)
Roseanne Burns, Senior Manager (Children & Families)
Eleanor Currie, Principal Manager, (Finance)
Michael McLennan, Lead Officer (Alcohol & Drugs Partnership)
Michelle Sutherland, Partnership Facilitator, HSCP
Linda Taylor, Team Manager, Litigation (Legal Services)
Karen Andrews, Team Manager (Governance)
Lindsay Kirkwood, Psychologist (NHS Ayrshire and Arran)
Shannon Wilson, Committee Services Officer
Hayley Clancy, Senior Committee Services Officer

Apologies

Councillor Nairn McDonald
Darren Fullarton
Vicki Yuill

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

In terms of Standing Order 7.2 and Section 5.14 of the Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies, Joyce White advised she was appointed as a Board Member of Phoenix Scotland in a voluntary capacity.

3. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2024 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7(10) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3.1 Matters Arising from the Action Note

Updates in terms of the Action Note were detailed as follows:

- **Audit Scotland report** - Scheduled for later in the year.
- **Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report: Justice Services Update** – on the agenda.

4. Director's Report

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director (NAHSCP) on the developments within the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

The report provided an update on the following areas:

- SSSC Codes of Practice update for all HSCP staff;
- Prevent, a strand of the UK Government's Counter-Terrorist Strategy that aims to reduce the threat to the UK;
- the third annual report, Local Government and The Promise published by COSLA and the Improvement Service;
- the review of Social Work Governance and Assurance across Scotland;
- the updated Self Directed Support Framework of Standards;
- Alzheimer's Scotland's recently published report on the Future of Long Term Care In Scotland;
- mentoring training for newly qualified newly qualified social workers;
- pan-Ayrshire showcase event, sharing examples of innovation in health and social care from across Scotland and beyond held on Tuesday 11 June;
- learning disability health check plans update;
- new transitions support group;
- North Ayrshire Council recognised as a Fostering Friendly Employer;
- Anam Cara re-opening event;

- bronze digital telecare implementation award;
- Ayrshire achieves award; and
- school welfare rights officer.

Noted.

5. Armed Forces Covenant

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director (NAHSCP) on the new Armed Forces Covenant Duty 2021 with Statutory Guidance published in November 2022, set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Noted.

6. Justice Services

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director (NAHSCP) on the work of North Ayrshire and pan Ayrshire Justice Services.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- vacancy levels with Justice social workers in comparison with Children and Families;
- Scottish Government's ring-fenced Criminal Justice grant;
- unpaid work team operating on Arran;
- future funding; and
- employability mentors located within the Unpaid Work Service.

Noted.

7. North Ayrshire ADP Annual Reporting Survey 2023/2024

Submitted report by Michael McLennan, Alcohol and Drug Partnership on the Annual Reporting Survey for submission to the Scottish Government, with the Survey set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- stigma reduction;
- feedback from Scottish Government on the survey response; and
- the positive work on the islands provision.

Noted.

8. Children's Services Plan Performance Update 2023-24

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director (NAHSCP) on the achievements contained in the North Ayrshire Children's Services Plan Performance Update 2023-24. The Children's Services Plan Performance Update was set out at Appendix 1, Children's Services Action Report set out at Appendix 2 and Children's Services Performance Indicators Report set out at Appendix 3 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- local measures of specific priorities in our area; and

- the number of care experienced children using the app.

Noted.

9. 2023-24: Month 12 Financial Performance

Submitted report by Paul Doak, Head of Service (HSCP Finance and Transformation), on the IJB's financial performance as at month 10 (January). Appendix A to the report detailed the financial overview of the Partnership position, while Appendix B provided an overview of those service changed which did not have financial savings attached. Appendix C highlighted the movement in the budget position following the initial approved budget.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- the potential risk of not meeting the target for 2024/25;
- the significant deterioration from the previously projected position; and
- Care at home overspend.

The Board agreed to (a) note the overall integrated financial performance for the financial year 2023-24 and the overall year-end overspend of £4.483m, adjusted to £7.464m after earmarking of funds received for a specific purpose, also noting the significant deterioration from the previously projected position; (b) note the progress with delivery of agreed savings; (c) approve the budget reductions detailed at paragraph 2.10; (d) approve the proposed earmarking as detailed in the report, leaving a balance of £0.357m in free general fund reserves; (e) establish a Finance Working Group, chaired by the IJB Vice-Chair, to support increased oversight of the financial position.

15. Whistleblowing Report Quarter 4, January – 31 March 2024

Submitted report by Karen Callaghan, Corporate Governance Co-ordinator, in relation to whistleblowing concerns raised in Quarter 4 (January – 31 March 2024).

Noted.

The meeting ended at 12:00pm