

NHS GRAMPIAN

Integration Joint Boards – Regular Update Report (August 2025)

1. Actions Recommended

The Board is asked to note the latest approved minutes of the meetings of the Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray Integration Joint Boards.

2. Strategic Context

Three Integration Joint Boards for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray were established on 6 February 2016 under the terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 with full delegation of functions and resources to enable integration of primary and community health and social care services effective from 1 April 2016. Each IJB is a separate legal organisation and acts as principal in its own right.

The principal ambitions of health and social care integration are to:

- Support the improvement of the quality and consistency of services for patients, carers, service-users and their families.
- Provide seamless, joined-up quality health and social care services in order to care for people in their homes or a homely setting where it is safe to do so.
- Ensure resources are used effectively and efficiently to deliver services.

3. Key matters relevant to recommendation

This report presents the NHS Grampian Board with the latest approved minutes from the Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray IJBs. The key highlights are emphasised below.

3.1. Aberdeen City

The City IJB met on 13 May 2025 and the minutes from that meeting were approved on 1st July 2025.

The key highlights from that meeting were;

1. **Financial Position Update - Year End Report:** The Board considered the 2024/25 revenue budget draft outcome, prior to audit, for the delivery of the IJB responsibilities; and an update on the 2025/26 year budget savings, prepared by the Chief Finance Officer. The Board noted the 2024/25 IJB draft outturn position, additional in-year funding, progress on the 2025/26 budget savings, and approved the transfer of funds from the Prescribing budget to the Adult Social Care budget.
2. **Annual Review of Financial Regulations and Reserves Policy:** The Board approved the revised Financial Regulations and Reserves Policy, including

instructing the Chief Finance Officer to include sensitivity analysis for all future budget forecasting.

3. **Recruitment and Selection Process for Chief Finance Officer:** The Board agreed to the proposed approach for recruiting a Chief Finance Officer of the IJB (ACHSCP).
4. **Annual Resilience Report:** The Board considered the report providing assurance on the IJBs resilience arrangements and agreed that their duties as a Category 1 responder under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 were being met.
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Approved meeting minutes and reports can be viewed [here](#)

Aberdeen City IJB Revenue Budget Outturn 2024/25

The Aberdeen City IJB's unaudited financial position for the financial year ending 31 March 2025 was presented to the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee on 17th June 2025 is summarised below:

	Revised Budget 2024-205 £'000	Actual to 31 Mar 2025 £'000	Variance to 31 March 2025 £'000	Variance %
Health & Social Care	392,145	402,635	9,835	2.5
Set Aside Budget	59,238	59,238	0	
2024-25 Position	451,383	461,873	10,490	2.27
Partners Additional Funding				
NHS Grampian		6,447		
Aberdeen City Council		4,043		
Total		10,490		

The Full Report can be found [here](#)

Aberdeen City IJB Medium Term Financial Forecast

Aberdeen City IJB met on 2nd July and were presented with a report from the Chief Finance Officer providing an estimated 4 year Medium Term Financial Forecast (MTFF).

The summary position below highlights that the IJB will require to make significant savings of what could be around £14.045m, dependent on service demand, in 2026/27 – reflecting full delivery of the £14.354m savings in 2025/26. The work in the next two financial years, 2025/26 and 2026/27, is required in the main to remove the structural deficit the IJB has been carrying.

Estimated Summary position	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000	2027/28 £'000	2028/29 £'000
Estimated budget requirement	439,094	451,712	464,655	477,950
Total Funding	439,094	437,667	448,681	460,392
Surplus/ (deficit) before savings	(0)	(14,045)	(15,974)	(17,558)
Budget Gap		(14,045)	(15,974)	(17,558)

The full MTFF report can be viewed [here](#).

3.2. Aberdeenshire

The NHS Grampian Board has the following approved minutes from the Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board (IJB):

- on the 28 May 2025 (approved 2 July 2025)

The key highlights from the **28 May 2025** meeting are:

- A report from the Chief Officer which included:
 - An introduction to the new Interim Chief Officer
 - Information on the MORSE Roll Out – Health Visiting and School Nursing
 - Information on a validation exercise carried out by the Care Inspectorate on Community Justice Social Work
 - Details of a response submitted to the consultation on Public Bodies Climate Change Duties
 - Reference to a recent meeting with MSPs and MPs to discuss ongoing work of the Partnership
 - The outcomes of recent care inspections of services in Aberdeenshire
- A report proposing a joint exploratory review of business services functions between the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and Aberdeenshire Council to achieve greater efficiency and value for money.
- A report providing details of the financial position at the end of April 2025, in terms of the year-to-date budget, expenditure and income.
- A report providing a summary of the review of the In-House Home care and ARCH service
- A report providing a summary of an options appraisal process undertaken in respect of in-house residential care provision for older people
- A report providing a summary of the review of the Assisted Social Care Transport Policy and proposals to achieve savings of £800,000, subject to a more in-depth review
- A report providing a summary of the review of the in-house learning disability day service provision as agreed by the IJB as part of it's budget setting process for 2025-26

- A report containing the annual reporting survey for the Aberdeenshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership

Aberdeenshire IJB Revenue Budget Outturn 2024/25

The Aberdeenshire IJB were informed of the unaudited financial outturn for 2024/25 at their meeting on 2 July 2025. The report and corresponding appendices can be found [here](#).

The Aberdeenshire IJB's unaudited financial position for the financial year ending 31 March 2025 is summarised in the table below:

	Revised Budget 2024-25 £'000	Actual to 31-Mar-25 £'000	Variance to 31-Mar-25 £'000	Variance %
Health & Social Care	396,109	419,986	23,877	6.02
Funds	17,200	17,722	522	3.03
Set Aside Budget	38,784	38,784	0	-
2024-25 Position	452,093	476,492	24,399	5.40%
Partners Additional Funding				
NHS Grampian		13,754		
Aberdeenshire Council		10,645		
Total		24,399		

The actual outturn for the 2024/25 budget year reflects an overspend of £24,399,000. Both funding partners have been made aware of the year end position of the IJB and have expressed support for funding that position. Additional funding from partners as noted above was formally requested to ensure that Aberdeenshire IJB can achieve an overall balanced position as at 31 March 2025.

Approved minutes, reports and link to webcast library for all Aberdeenshire IJB meetings can be found [here](#).

3.3 Moray

The NHS Grampian Board has the minute from the meeting of the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) held on **29 May 2025** and accepted as a correct record at their meeting on the **19 June 2025**. The key highlights from the **May** meeting for the NHSG Board to note are, the MIJB:

29 May 2025

- Noted a report informing members of changes to membership of the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB), Audit, Performance and Risk Committee and Clinical and Care Governance Committee.
- Approved the final draft of the Strategic Delivery Plan (2025-2028). Noting a report will be submitted to Audit, Performance and Risk Committee in September 2025 with proposals for future reporting of key performance indicators.

Subsequent to the meeting it was agreed to move the Audit, Performance and Risk Committee from September to October 2025.

- Approved the new format of the MIJB Risk Register and noted its continued development.
- Endorsed the updated Moray Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan 2024-2026 and endorsed the Moray Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategic Performance Framework.
- Approved the final MIJB Equality Mainstreaming Progress Report 2021-2024 and approved the MIJB Equality Outcomes for the period 2025-2029 aligned with the strategic priorities outlined in the MIJB Strategic Plan 'Partners in Care 2022-2032'.
- Noted progress made by the Moray Drug and Alcohol Partnership (MADP) in delivery its strategic priorities for the period 2024/25, as captured in the Scottish Government's (SG) Annual Reporting Survey, and gave approval for submission to the SG in line with national reporting requirements.
- Approved proposed changes to the MIJB Financial Regulations, noting reviews will be done biennially.

MIJB Revenue Budget Outturn 2024.25

The MIJB were informed of the unaudited financial outturn for 2024/25 for the core budget and the impact this outturn will have on the 2025/26 budget at their meeting on 19 June 2025. This report and corresponding appendices can be found here

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- The MIJB's unaudited financial position for the financial year ending 31 March 2025 is summarised in the table below:

	Annual Budget £	Actual Expenditure £	Variance to date £
MIJB Core Service	181,234,848	188,655,608	(7,420,760)
MIJB Strategic Funds & other resources	10,633,832	7,470,144	3,163,689
Set Aside Budget	15,639,000	15,639,000	0
Total MIJB Expenditure	207,507,680	211,764,752	(4,257,072)

- The actual outturn for the 2024/25 Core Services budget year reflects an overspend of £7,420,760. This has resulted in a recurring budget pressure of £5,987,722 for the 2025/26 financial year. The ongoing impact of this overspend will be monitored closely and reported regularly to the MIJB.

Approved minutes, reports and link to webcast library for MIJB meetings can be found [here](#)

4. Responsible Chief Officers and contact for further information

A considerable number of other items were considered by the IJBs. If any Health Board members would like further clarification on any particular item then please contact:

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