

NHS GRAMPIAN

Integration Joint Boards – Regular Update Report (October 2026)

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, users of services, 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 **30 June 2026** and the minutes from that meeting were approved on **29 September 2026**.

The key highlights from that meeting were;

- **Chief Officer's Report:** The Board noted the Chief Officer's update on highlighted topics.
- **IJB Scheme of Governance Annual Review:** The Board noted that no changes were required to specified policies, protocols or the Aberdeen City Integration Scheme; approved revised Standing Orders effective from 1 September 2026; approved combined committee terms of reference; and

agreed that the revised documents should be published on the Partnership website.

- **Alcohol and Drug Partnership Annual Report 2025–2026:** The Board considered progress in prevention, harm reduction, treatment quality, recovery and intelligence-led delivery, including the response to the synthetic opioid overdose cluster. It requested a future report on the updated strategic and partnership delivery frameworks and associated terms of reference.
- **Hosted Services: Service Level Agreements:** The Board approved Service Level Agreements and governance arrangements for 12 Hosted Services in Grampian, endorsed the proposed approach to transformation activity, and requested baseline data reports for the IJB meeting on 1 December 2026 to inform future performance reporting.
- **New Locality Plans 2026–2036:** The Board endorsed the North, South and Central Locality Plans, noted their collaborative development and prior approval by Community Planning Aberdeen, requested that the plans be promoted by the Partnership and commissioned partners, and asked for annual performance reporting to the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee by September 2027.
- **Supplementary Workplan – Dual Sensory Service:** The Board approved a three-month extension of the current contract to 31 December 2026 and procurement of a new service from 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2031, with two possible one-year extensions. It corrected the Direction wording to “from 01/10/2026”, confirmed that people with lived experience would join the tender review panel, and otherwise agreed the recommendations.

Approved meeting minutes and reports for all City IJBs can be viewed [Here](#)

3.2 Aberdeenshire

The NHS Grampian Board has the minute from the meeting of the Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) held on **1 July 2026** and accepted as a correct record at their meeting on the **2 September 2026**.

The key highlights from the **July** meeting for the NHSG Board to note are:

- A report from the Chief Officer which provided updates on the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 Annual Report, Carers Week 2026, the Grampian Mental Health Bed Base and Tier 4 Review and the Inch War Memorial Hospital engagement update.
- A report from the Chief Officer providing the financial position of the IJB based on the year-to-date budget and actual expenditure as of 31 May 2026.
- A report from the Chief Officer providing an update on the IJB Recovery Plan and the proposal to stand down the exceptional recovery arrangements.
- A report from the Chief Officer on the review of the Integration Scheme following recent legislative changes including the introduction of voting rights for service user, carer and third sector representatives on the IJB.
- A report from the Chief Officer presenting the Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership Annual Performance Report 2025/26.
- A report from the Chief Officer seeking approval to declare Alford Clinic surplus to requirements as the property was no longer required for the delivery of services.
- A report from the Chief Officer seeking approval to relocate the vaccination service from the former Macduff GP practice premises to Chalmers Hospital,

Banff and, subject to approval, to declare the Macduff premises surplus to requirements of the Health and Social Care Partnership.

- A report from the Chief Officer providing further information on the development of NHS Grampian as a Population Health Organisation.
- A report from the Chief Officer outlining the proposed implementation of Service Level Agreements for hosted services across Grampian.
- A report from the Chief Officer which provided a Supplementary Procurement Work Plan in relation to Asset Management for approval.

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 **25 June 2026** and accepted as a correct record at their meeting on the **24 September 2026**. The key highlights from the **June** meeting for the NHSG Board to note are, the MIJB:

25 June 2026

- Considered a report by the Chief Financial Officer informing the Board of the unaudited financial outturn for 2025/26 for the core budgets and the impact this outturn will have on the 2026/27 budget.
- Approved the unaudited Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 to be submitted to the external auditor, noting all that all figures remain subject to audit.
- Approved the updated Local Code of Corporate Governance which supports the Annual Governance Statement. Noted the Annual Governance Statement contained within the unaudited Annual Accounts and approved the Best Value Statements.
- Agreed to note the contents of the External Auditor's Annual Plan for 2025/26 and update on audit recommendations for 2024/25.
- Noted the progress towards achievement of the Moray Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2026.
- Endorsed the development of a new Moray Mental Health Strategy 2026/27.
- Noted the progress made during 2025/26 in delivering the objectives of the Unpaid Carers Strategy 2023-2028.
- Approved the Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategic Delivery Plan 2026-2029.
- Considered and approved the implementation of Service Level Agreements and accompanying governance and reporting arrangements for the 12 Hosted Services in Grampian.
- Approved the draft Annual Performance Report 2025/26 for publication by 31 July 2026, subject to the inclusion of the outstanding national indicators which were not published at the time of reporting.

MIJB Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter 1, 2026/27

On the 24 September 2026, the MIJB will scrutinise and note the current revenue budget reporting position as at 30 June 2026 for the MIJB budget.

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4. Responsible Chief Officers and contact for further information

If any Health Board members would like further clarification on any item, then please contact:

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