

NHS GRAMPIAN

Integration Joint Boards – Regular Update Report (June 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, 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 **3 February 2026** and the minutes from that meeting were approved on **17 March 2026**.

The key highlights from that meeting were;

- The Chief Officer's report was presented, and the Board requested the Primary Care Lead provide further information regarding the GP Walk in centre and their governance structure and staffing models.
- The Board noted the progress on the delivery of the Carers Strategy 2023 – 2026 which provided a summary of the work carried out over the past 12 months. This included the latest updates to the Carers Strategy Action Plan, the significant increase in the number of Carers supported across the city, and details on the improvement projects used to support Carers in our local communities.
- The Board approved the new Carers Strategy 2026 – 2030 and instructed the Chief Officer to develop a delivery plan for the Carers Strategy.

- The Financial Performance and Indicative results for year end 2025 /2026 in respect of Quarter 3 was presented to the Board and recommendations were agreed. This included noting the financial performance and updated funding availability. An update on the ongoing digitalisation work in regard to the administration of client care requirements was also received.
- A report on Fast Track Cities was presented to the Board which provided the annual update on activity contributing to this initiative. The Board noted the delivery of the Fast Track Cities initiative and endorsed the continuation of this work and instructed the Chief Officer to invite Richard Angell, Chief Executive of Terrence Higgins Trust to Aberdeen to give a talk to the IJB on what the Trust is doing in both Scotland and England which can help the work identified in this report. The Board also resolved to commend the work of the Grampian Fast Track Cities Group, NHS Grampian Sexual Health Service, Infectious Diseases Unit and Public Health.
- The Annual Procurement Workplan for 2026/27 was presented to the Board where all recommendations were agreed. This included approving the extension for one year of 23 National Care Home Contracts for residential services for older people and approving the extension for one year of Housing Support Services in Sheltered Housing Complexes contracts for older people.

The City IJB also met on **17 March 2026** and the minutes for that meeting were approved on **12 May 2026**.

The key highlights from that meeting were;

- The Budget 2026/27 and Medium Term Financial Framework 2026/27 were presented to the Board. The Board approved the recommendations in the report including approving noting and endorsing the proposed savings of £14.5m to balance the budget for 2026/27 and approving the Medium-Term Financial Framework 2026/27 to 2030/31.
- The Board approved the recommendations within the report 'Care and Repair Contract' which put in place a contract with Care and Repair to provide advice and assistance with home repairs, improvements and adaptations for older and disabled residents in Aberdeen City. The award of a 1 year contract was supported with the same terms and conditions as the previous contract. The Chief Officer was also instructed to undertake a market testing to identify whether alternative providers were available and to revert to the IJB with the outcome of the service review and market testing.

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

3.2 Aberdeenshire

The NHS Grampian Board Grampian Board has the minute from the meeting of the Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) held on **28 January 2026** and accepted as a correct record at their meeting on the **18 March 2026** and the meeting held on **18 March 2026** and accepted as a correct record at their meeting on the **27 May 2026**.

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

- A report from the Chief Officer including updates on:

- The Scottish Government's new Direction DL (2025)25 which introduces an updated statutory approach to sub-national planning across NHS Scotland.
 - An update on the planned recruitment process for new Unpaid Carers Stakeholder Representative.
 - An update on the Strategic Planning Group and the Strategic Plan and ongoing work for its publication.
 - Information outlining how the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) is embedding the national GIRFE framework through the HOPE approach to create more person-centred, joined-up support, strengthened by learning and collaboration from the 2025 HOPE Conference.
 - An update on the allocation of grant funding to a number of third-sector organisations for 2025-2028.
- A report from the Chief Officer providing the year-to-date financial position for 2025/26 and the financial forecast to 31 March 2026 in respect of IJB Budget Revenue, based on actual income and expenditure up to 31 December 2025.
 - A report from the Chief Officer responding to the Board's request for more information before deciding whether to offer reduced Autism and ADHD assessment services for six months.
 - A report from the Chief Officer providing an overview of the Internal Audit Annual Report 2024/25 and the Chief Internal Auditor's option.
 - The Chief Social Work Officers Annual Report 2024/25.
 - A report from the Interim Partnership Manager, Central, providing a summary of Phase 1 of a strategic review of community hospitals in Aberdeenshire, and seeking approval to begin Phase 2.
 - A report from the Chief Officer providing background to the closure of Fyvie Health Centre, details of a community engagement process and a recommendation that the building be declared surplus to requirements.

They key highlights from the **March** meeting for the NHSG Board to note are:

- A report from the Chief Officer which provided an overview of key national and local developments shaping service delivery of the Partnership.
- A report from the Chief Officer outlining the IJB's budget for 2026/27 and providing an update of the financial position for 2025/26.
- A report from the Chief Officer outlining the annual report on directions issued on behalf of the IJB to NHS Grampian and Aberdeenshire Council for the financial year 2025/26.
- A report from the Chief Officer detailing the strategy for recognising, valuing and supporting unpaid adult carers through Aberdeenshire over the next four years in accordance with the national standards and the Carer (Scotland) Act 2016.
- A report from the Chief Officer outlining the NHS Grampian 2026/27 Priorities for Delivery.

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 January 2026** and accepted as a correct record at their meeting on the **26 March 2026**. The key highlights from the **January** meeting for the NHSG Board to note are, the MIJB:

- Following lengthy consideration, noted the financial position of the Board as at 31 December 2025. Noted the updated forecast position for 2025/26 and noted the progress against the approved savings plan. The Board also noted the budget pressures and emerging budget pressures as detailed in the report.
- Noted the updated Board Strategic Risk Register and approved the mitigating controls and assurance arrangements.
- Reappointed the Chief Internal Auditor of the Board for a further period of two years, to 31 March 2028.
- Formally nominated for approval by the Standards Commission, reappointments of the Board's Standards Officer and Depute Standards Officer for a further period of two years, until 31 March 2028.

MIJB Revenue Budget and Recovery Plan 2026/27

On 26 March 2026, the MIJB received a report outlining the budget allocations to the MIJB and to consider the revenue budget for 2026/27, the estimated funding gap and the charges. The Board were also asked to approve the Medium Term Financial Framework 2026/27 to 2030/31.

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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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