

NHS GRAMPIAN

Integration Joint Boards – Regular Update Report (July 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, 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 12th May 2026 and the minutes from that meeting were approved on 30th June 2026.

The key highlights from that meeting were;

- The Board reviewed the revised Risk Appetite Statement and Strategic Risk Register and other than amending some wording, the report was approved.
- The Business, Resilience and Communications Lead presented the annual assurance report on the IJBs resilience arrangements in fulfilment of its duties as a Category 1 responder under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. The Board indicated they were assured that the duties were being met (as detailed in the report).
- The Board received the indicative year-end financial position for 2025/26 prepared by the Deputy Chief Finance officer – ACHSCP. They noted the indicative year end financial performance (draft, unaudited), noted the reserves balance (11.231M, £3.527m, earmarked), instructed the Chief Officer

to report the draft financial position to NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Council and approved the Q4 budget virements.

- The Board approved the revised Financial Regulations and Reserves Policy.
- The Board were presented with the NHS Grampian Vaccination and Immunisation Annual Report. The Board noted the findings, agreed the recommendations and requested the Vaccination Planning Manager to share the one-stop tool with Members. There was also an instruction to provide an annual report, with the next report due in 2027.
- The refreshed Workforce Plan 2026-2029 was presented to the Board where it was approved along with the instruction for the Chief officer to schedule annual progress reports to the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee.
- A report on the Equalities Outcomes and Mainstreaming Framework 2026 – 2030 was considered by the Board. The Board agreed the recommendations and instructed the Chief Officer to schedule annual progress reports to the Integration Joint Board as well as publishing the Equalities Outcomes and Mainstreaming Framework 2026 – 2030 on the Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnerships website.
- The Board received a report providing an update on the transfer of Bon Accord Care into Aberdeen City Council, the ongoing review of care home services and the outcome of the review of the services provided at Balnagask House Care Home. The Board noted the update on the transfer of Bon Accord Care to Aberdeen City Council, agreed to revoke Direction HSCO.24.007 made on 6 February 2024 and made a new Direction for provision of adult social care support services until 31 March 2028. The Board also noted the position regarding the review outcome of services at Balnagask Care Home where services should cease and affected residents should be moved to new and more appropriate accommodation.
- The Strategic Procurement Manager presented a Supplementary Procurement Work Plan for 2026/27 for expenditure on social care services, together with the associated procurement Business cases. The Board approved the extension of the contract for Training & Skills Development Services for adults with learning Disability and Mental Health needs and made Directions and instructed the Chief Officer to issue the Directions to Aberdeen City Council.

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 **27 May 2026** and accepted as a correct record at their meeting on the **1 July 2026**.

The key highlights from the **May** 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 providing an update on the revenue budget highlighting the significantly improved financial position at 2025/26 year end.
- A report from the Chief Officer which informed of changes to the membership of the IJB and its Committees.

- A report from the Chief Officer setting out the mainstreaming of equalities and progress in delivering Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Boards's Equality Outcomes 2024 -2026.
- A report from the Chief Officer on the use of delegated powers in cases of special urgency between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026.
- A report from the Chief Officer presenting the Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP) Market Facilitation Plan.
- A report from the Chief Officer presenting the first quarterly performance report for the Strategic Delivery Plan 2025/26 – 2028/29.
- A report from the Chief Officer presenting Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership Workforce Plan 2026 – 2029 ("The Plan").
- A report from the Chief Officer presenting the Vaccination and Immunisation Annual report 2025.
- A report from the Chief Officer on the preferred location for an Aberdeenshire Walk-In Centre as part of the walk-in centre pilot for Grampian.
- A report from the Chief Officer which provided a Supplementary Procurement Work Plan in relation to training and skills development skills for adults from a range of care groups.
- A report from the Chief Officer which provided a Supplementary Procurement Work Plan in relation to Discharge to Assess.

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

26 March 2026

- Approved the Board Strategic Risk Register, noting the current risk ratings, controls, assurances and areas of ongoing exposure.
- Agreed that a dedicated Board session be scheduled to review and refresh the Moray IJB Risk Appetite Statement, including consideration of the relationship between risk ratings and the Board's tolerance for risk.
- Approved the updated Medium Term Financial Framework and noted that a review of the Framework will be carried out on an annual basis.
- Agreed changes to the Moray IJB membership and Chair of the Audit, Performance and Risk Committee.

Revenue Budget and Recovery Plan 2026/27

- Scrutinised each Integrated Impact Assessment (IIAs) provided as part of the Revenue Budget and Recovery Plan 2026/27 report. The Board agreed a number of changes to be made to the IIAs, as detailed in the minute.

- Approved the 2026/27 proposed savings plan, approved the Revenue Budget for 2026/27 following consideration of the risks, and approved the Directions to be issued to NHS Grampian and Moray Council.
- Agreed to add, in order to strengthen assurance on the Board's financial position, an additional recommendation: 'increased reporting and scrutiny arrangements through the Audit, Performance and Risk Committee.'

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4. Responsible Chief Officers and contact for further information

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