

NHS GRAMPIAN

Integration Joint Boards – Regular Update Report (February 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 **2nd December 2025** and the minutes from that meeting were approved on **3rd February 2026**.

The key highlights from that meeting were;

- The Board noted the details contained in the Chief Officer's Report which provided an update on highlighted topics.
- A Financial Position Update report was presented to the Board in respect of Quarter 2 – 2025/2026 Financial Performance and Indicative results for year end 2025/2026. The Board noted the impact of the KPMG Diagnostics Report to the IJB in reference to the Level 4 escalation of the NHSG; and approved the recommendations in the report. Recommendations included noting the update on on-going work in regard to the administration of client care requirements and the role it plays in tracking the management of IJB's financial performance and position, and noting the link-up between the objectives of the public consultation and the savings targets being reviewed by the IJB, the message here being the

prioritisation of care demands whilst the IJB identified areas of cost management efficiencies.

- The Board were presented with the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report for year 2024/25, the purpose of which was to inform Members of the role and responsibilities exercised by the Chief Social Work Officer; to provide information on the delivery of statutory social work services and decision making in the period; and to give a progress on key areas of social work activity within Aberdeen City. The Board noted the content and information provided.
- A report in respect of future grant funding for voluntary organisations was presented to the Board and the recommendations were agreed. These included agreeing to some direct awards to contracts contained within the appendices of the report, to approve the continued grant fund expenditure, for one year, of the transport services, as outlined in the report and to agree to no longer provide grant funding to the two general counselling services, as detailed in the report.

The City IJB also met on **3rd February 2026** where the financial report 'Q3 – 2025 / 2026 Financial Performance; and Indicative results for year end 2025/2026 was presented and noted.

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 **8 October 2025** and accepted as a correct record at their meeting on the **10 December 2025** and the meeting held on **10 December 2025** and accepted as a correct record at their meeting on the **28 January 2026**.

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

- A report from the Chief Officer including updates on:
 - The Care Reform (Scotland) Act 2025
 - The Grampian Health & Care Whole System Plan
 - The Partnership Manager roles for Central and North
- A report from the Chief Officer providing an update on the In-House Home Care Service Redesign
- 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 the IJB Revenue Budget
- A report from the Chief Officer which provided details on proposals for an enhanced community dementia model for South Aberdeenshire
- A report from the Chief Officer highlighting that the Health & Social Care Partnership was undergoing significant change, including the redesign of services and comprehensive system-wide planning
- A report from the Chair of the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) providing details of the ADP Strategic Plan and their performance.

They key highlighted from the **December** meeting for the NHSG Board to note are:

- A report from the Chief Officer outlining work undertaken on a new Strategic Plan for 2025-2035 and a Strategic Delivery Plan for 2025/26-2028/29, which were both approved by the Board
- A report from the Chief Officer presenting the draft Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2025/26-2029/30

Aberdeenshire IJB Revenue Budget Monitoring to 31 December 2025

The IJB received a report at its meeting on 28 January 2026, detailing the revenue budget position as at 31 December 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 **27 November 2025** and accepted as a correct record at their meeting on the **29 January 2026**. The key highlights from the **November** meeting for the NHSG Board to note are, the MIJB:

27 November 2025

- Considered a report by the Chief Financial Officer which updated members of the revenue reporting position as at 30 September 2025 for the MIJB budget.
- Noted the updated Strategic Risk 2 (financial sustainability) and 8 (governance and assurance) of the MIJB Strategic Risk Register, the report provided a clear overview of current risks, their assessment, and mitigating actions.
- Agreed to increase the non-voting stakeholder members from five to six, to enable the inclusion of two Unpaid Carer Stakeholder representative on the MIJB membership from 28 November 2025.
- Considered a report by the Deputy Head of Service and GP Clinical Lead for Moray, which aimed to provide the Board with assurance regarding progress in the development of mental health service provision, with the specific aim of reducing pressures on primary care and improving patient outcomes. The MIJB will receive a more detailed report on the development of mental health services across the wider Moray health and social care system in March 2026.
- Welcomed a report informing members of the successful bid to implement a Moray Home Assessment Pathway, which will support the delivery of the MIJB's strategic priorities, and the delivery against the nine national health and wellbeing outcomes. Regular progress reports on implementation and impact of the pathway will be provided to Audit, Performance and Risk Committee.
- Approved the strategic direction set out in a report by the Interim Chief Social Work Officer / Head of Service which set out the significant and sustained pressures, experienced by Children's Services.

- Noted the contents of the Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer for 2024-25.
- Approved the draft Public Sector Climate Change submission to Sustainable Scotland Network for the reporting year 2024-25.
- Endorsed the schedule of meetings of the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB), the Audit, Performance and Risk (APR) Committee and the Clinical and Care Governance (CCG) Committee for 2026-27.
- Endorsed the proposed revised management structure for the Senior Management Team of Health and Social Care Moray and finance resource requirements.

MIJB Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter 3, 2025/26

On 29 January 2026, the MIJB received a report detailing the current revenue budget reporting position as at 31 December 2025 for the MIJB budget.

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

4. Responsible Chief Officers and contact for further information

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

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