

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 25/176
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Purpose of Paper:	Assurance
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Name of Reporting Committee:	Inverclyde Integration Joint Board
Date of Reporting Committee:	17 November 2025
Committee Chairperson:	David Gould, NHSGGC Non-Executive Lead

1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to: inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

2. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board on 17th September 2025 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

Items for Action

Item 4. Membership Report

The Board noted the appointment of Jacquie McIntyre as IJB Service User representative for a period of 6 months.

Item 5. Presentation – Whistle Blowing in Integration Joint Boards

The Board was provided a presentation on Whistle Blowing in Integration Joint Boards.

The presentation and key points were noted by the Board.

Item 6. Annual Accounts & Annual Report for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2024

The Board were presented with the Annual Audited Accounts for 2024/25 and KPMG Report. Accounts were approved at IJB Audit Committee on 17/11/2025. The Annual Accounts were accepted by the Board.

Item 7. Financial Monitoring Report 2025/26 Period 5

Period 5 monitoring report provided to Board. At period 5, the following status was reported: the IJB projected revenue budget will have an overall underspend of £0.046m. This is result of a £0.672m overspend in Social Care Services, and a £0.718m underspend in Health Services.

The report was noted by the Board with proposed recommendations agreed.

Item 7. Closure of Inverclyde Centre – Transition Planning

Presented report on planned closure of the Inverclyde Centre. Paper noted with commitment to return with a full transition plan to the Board in January 2026.

Items for noting and routine decisions

Item 9. Progress of the Primary Care Improvement Plan (PCIP)

The Board were presented with a progress report on the local implementation of the PCIP. The report highlighted progress across a range of workstreams. The paper was noted by the board.

Item 10. Proposed Approach – 2026/27 IJB Budget

The Board were presented with a paper on the proposed approach for the 2026/27 IJB Budget. It highlighted a development timeline for a new 2-year budget, which would be driven by the Scottish Government Budget announcement in January.

The report was noted by the Board.

Item 11. Strategic Partnership Plan – 6 Monthly Update (Apr to Sep 2025)

The Board were presented with the 6-monthly Strategic Partnership Plan progress report. The report noted that all 32 actions are assessed as on track. The report was noted by the Board.

Item 12. Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2024-25

IJB presented with Chief Social Work Officer report for 2024-25. The report showed the scope and impact of Social Work performance within Inverclyde. The report was noted by the Board.

Item 13. Chief Officer's Report

The report was presented to IJB, with three key areas highlighted:

- Delayed Discharge Position
- Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT) Service
- Graphnet Remote Patient Monitoring (COPD)

The report was noted by the Board.

Item 14. Minute of Meeting of Inverclyde Integration Joint Board Audit Committee of 23 June 2025

The Board accepted the Minutes of the June meeting of the IJB Audit Committee

Exempt Information

Item 15. Private Appendix to minutes of Inverclyde Integration Joint Board – 8th September 2025

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Board were presented with the minute of the private appendix to the IJB meeting on 8th September.

The minute was accepted as accurate.

Item 16. Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations Services

The board were presented with external governance report from July to Sep, with 26 governance reports during the period. Concern around the Newark Care Home in Port Glasgow was highlighted to the board.

Item 17. Neurodevelopmental Disorder Pathway

The Board were presented with a paper on a proposed neuro-developmental pathway in Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

The report was noted by the board.

4. Issues for referral to other Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board

None Identified.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board will take place on 12th January 2025.

Inverclyde Care Home Position

Position at end November 2025

Introduction and Summary

In lieu of a larger whole-system IJB report on the capacity of Care Homes across Greater Glasgow and Clyde, IJBs have been asked to provide a local status update. This briefing note provides information on the overall status and capacity of Care Homes in Inverclyde, as well as the key challenges currently being experienced.

Care Home Capacity Summary

- 12 Care Homes
- Moratorium in place in Newark Nursing Care Home in Port Glasgow (until Feb 2026).
- Regular Total Capacity is **654** Care Beds (609 Nursing and 45 Residential)
- Current total capacity is **593** Care Beds (548 Nursing, 45 Residential)
- The average number of Care Home Vacancies in Inverclyde has dropped significantly over the year. Currently sitting at **15**.

Resident Summary

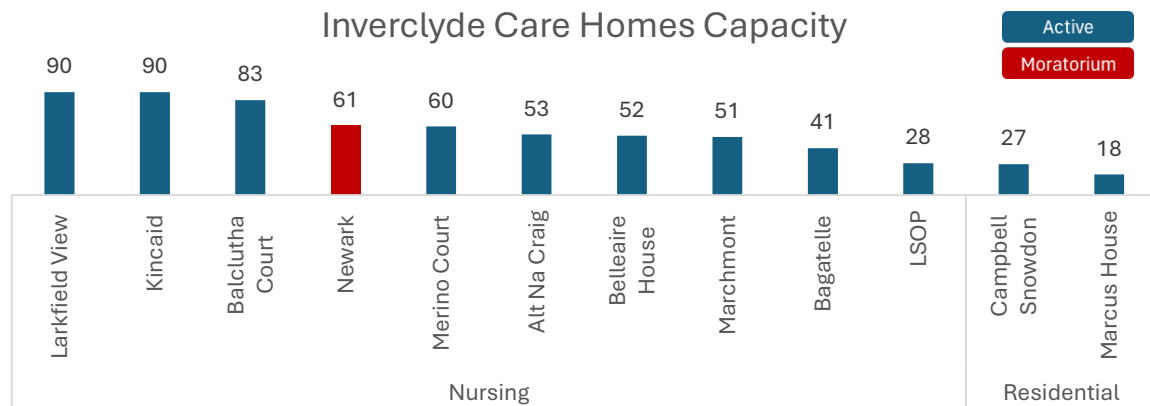
- Inverclyde HSCP had 550 people in Care Homes.
 - 501 (91%) are residents of Care Homes in Inverclyde
 - 49 (9%) are placed in Care Homes outside Inverclyde

Mitigation Actions to Increase Capacity

- Respite provision only available to those with critical need.
- Admitting only those with critical need to Care Homes
- Community assessments focused on avoiding care home admissions
- Support to Newark Care Home
 - Care Home Collaborative
 - Commissioning Team
 - Multi-disciplinary Team Support
 - Close working with Care Inspectorate
- Conversations ongoing with HSCP Management, Commissioning Services and local Care Home providers to consider approaches to facilitate easy and smooth weekend admissions to Care Homes from hospital.

Care Home Capacity

The chart below shows the current bed capacity of all 12 Care Homes in Inverclyde.



The general local care home capacity is **654** beds (609 Nursing Care, 45 Residential). However, a Moratorium is in place on the Newark Care Home, reducing the local nursing care bed capacity by 61.

The current total capacity is **593** (548 Nursing Care, 45 Residential).

To note, the figures above do not separate out beds which are held at the 'private rate' or 'local authority rate'. This limits the availability and choice significantly for those eligible for local authority funding. Most people awaiting care home placement require a local authority rate bed.

Respite Provision

Due to the ongoing Care Home capacity issues, the HSCP has limited its use of Care Homes for respite purposes. Respite support for families will still be available to carers to mitigate carer stress and respond appropriately to emergency situations.

However, it should be noted that Inverclyde HSCP does not operate a 'block booking' system for respite provision in Care Homes. Those accessing respite in care homes are usually accessing them for short defined periods which is usually managed well by the providers. No beds in care homes are used for long-term periods and therefore there should be no restricting of the availability of long-term beds.

Care Home Residents

At the most recent reporting period, the total number of people residing in Care Homes supported by Inverclyde HSCP was **550**. Of those, 501 (91%), resided in a care home in Inverclyde, with the remaining 49 placed out with Inverclyde.

Average trend information indicates that, 91% of those requiring care home admission from Inverclyde, remain in Inverclyde.

Care Home Vacancies

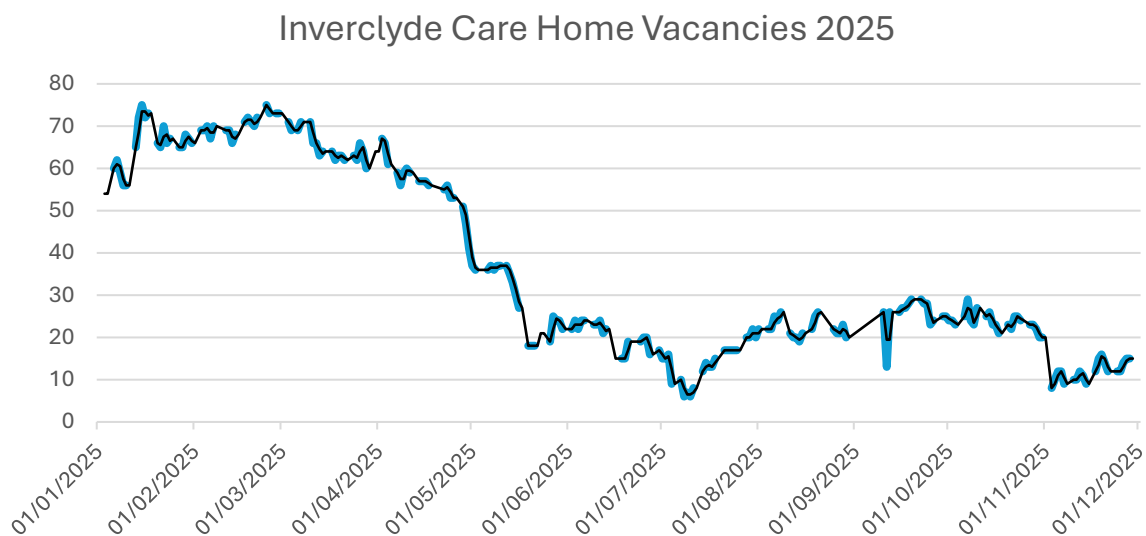
Information on Care Home Vacancies in Inverclyde is reported on a daily basis. At the most recent reporting period (28/11/25), Inverclyde had **15** Care Home Vacancies.

A further 12 beds are available in Newark Care Home, but are currently unavailable due to the current moratorium. This will be in place until February 2026, greatly reducing the number of care home vacancies available in Inverclyde over the winter period.

The total number of vacancies available across Inverclyde has seen a sharp decrease since the beginning of the year. This is likely, in part due to the closure of the Glenfield - 36 Bedded - Nursing Care Home.

Vacancy Trends

As demonstrated in the chart below, Care Home Vacancies in Inverclyde have greatly decreased over the course of the year. This has been in part due to the closure of the Glenfield Nursing Home earlier in the year and has been further reduced following the Moratorium placed on Newark Care Home. The most recently available data indicate that only **15** Care Home Vacancies were available at the end of November.



Admissions Vs Discharges – Balance of Capacity.

During 2025, Inverclyde HSCP oversaw **211** admissions to Care Homes and **209** Discharges.

While turnover most months seem balanced, Inverclyde has experienced periods of high admissions and low discharges. This is likely to bring challenges to the HSCP in terms of Care Planning.

Care Home Admissions & Discharges

