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Committee Chairperson/Non-Executive Lead:	Chair – Cllr Chris Cunningham Vice Chair - Paul Ryan (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 Glasgow City Integration Joint Board (IJB) which took place on [13 May 2026](#).

2. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Glasgow City IJB as set out below and seek further information or assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

GCIJB Membership Update

The IJB received a report updating on changes to the membership of Glasgow City IJB including substitute arrangements and approved an appointment to the IJB Public Engagement Committee and the role of Vice Chair. The Chair welcomed Lesley McDonald to her first meeting of GCIJB.

Chief Officer Update

The Chief Officer provided a verbal update on the undernoted key areas:

Delayed Discharges

The delayed discharge position has been relatively stable since the last IJB meeting despite some periods of noticeably high referral levels. GCHSCP is consistently meeting the target of 160 agreed with the Health Board. Work continues with the Health Board on embedding whole system learning from recent system reset efforts and examples of best practice and are now actively implementing the Integrated Discharge Team approach in both Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Focussed work has continued on reducing Adults with Incapacity (AWI) delays. GCHSCP is on track to deliver the AWI target of 40 by the end of June. Bed days lost to AWI delays has decreased by 45.9% since June last year, down from 10,063 to 5,446.

Homelessness

Homelessness pressures and the financial impact on the IJB remains seriously concerning, with in-year projected pressures of £56m and 2027/28 circa £76m. Whilst solutions are in place for 2026/27 there remains concern over the solutions for 2027/28. In 2025-26, Glasgow City HSCP witnessed a 5% reduction in demand for Homelessness Services with the total number of applications received this year falling from 8,445 to 8,053 demonstrating the effectiveness of our prevention work. However, despite this welcome reduction in demand, pressure on temporary accommodation remains high with the number of households residing in temporary accommodation across the city continuing to rise. As at 28th April 2026, 4,938 households were living in temporary accommodation across the city with 2,376 households residing in bed and breakfast/hotel type accommodation. Demand remains high from refugee households, with 44% of new demand for homelessness assistance coming from this group. Homelessness Services continues to work with local partners to support and ensure awareness of rough sleepers in the city. For week commencing 27/04/26, a total of 19 rough sleepers were recorded.

Mental Health Inpatients

Delayed discharges across Mental Health services continue to present ongoing pressure, remaining above the desired position however this continues to be an area of priority focus for improvement. The primary challenge continues to be the limited availability of suitable community based placements, including supported accommodation, specialist care home provision, and services equipped to support individuals with complex needs and presentations. A proportion of individuals remain in hospital despite being clinically fit for discharge, largely due to the time required to secure appropriate placements or to progress complex cases involving legal processes and multi-agency assessment. The Chief Officer has recently undertaken visits to Mental Health inpatient sites to establish key themes contributing to delays. This has informed a strengthened focus on governance, accountability and performance oversight. A revised meeting structure has now been implemented to prioritise a fortnightly Mental Health delayed discharge meeting, incorporating General Adult, Forensic services, Older People and Learning Disability.

Scottish Living Wage Settlement 2026-27

The IJB were advised of the proposed uplift for Social Care pay from 6th April 2026. This uplift is in respect of both Adult and Children's Services. Members agreed that the Partnership will offer a 6.75% uplift to eligible Providers of Purchased Services within Glasgow and Self Directed Support Option 1 (Direct Payments) for workforce costs within contract values; and noted that the uplifts will be subject to Providers who are not in the new Flexible Framework confirming they will pay staff providing direct care at least £13.45 per hour from 6th April 2026.

National Care Home Contract Increase 2026-27

A report was presented updating on the increase to the National Care Home Contract (NCHC) fee rates for 2026-27 and the proposed increases on other commissioned care homes services. The IJB agreed the rates from 6th April 2026 and to apply the NCHC uplift to commissioned services. It was noted that a further update may be required to meet the Agenda for Change inflation commitment.

Scottish Recommended Allowances for Kinship and Fostering Services

The IJB were updated on the Scottish Recommended Allowances for kinship and fostering services agreed by COSLA and the Scottish Government. Members approved the proposed Scottish Recommended Allowances and implementation of the new rates by Glasgow City Council, backdated to 1st April 2025.

Whole Family Support through General Practice Programme Expansion

A report was presented updating on the offer of additional Scottish Government funding to double the whole family support through general practice (WFSGP) test programme. The IJB noted the new Scottish Government award of £5.4m to double the delivery of the WFSGP programme in Glasgow City from 2026-27 to 2028-29 and approved the proposed expenditure for delivery of the expansion as provided in the report.

Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan 2026-27 Spending Proposals

An update was presented on the continued success of the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP) in 2025-26. Members approved the RRTP financial commitments for 2026-27; and noted the intention of the HSCP to lobby the Scottish Government to continue RRTP funding in future years or replace RRTP funding with a recurring budget.

Glasgow City HSCP 10 year Homelessness Temporary Accommodation Strategy

The IJB received a report updating on the development of Glasgow City HSCP's 10-year Temporary Accommodation Strategy. This was also subject to a dedicated Development Session with Members in advance of being presented. The IJB approved the 10-year Strategy and agreed to the timescales for future progress reports to the IJB.

Equality Mainstreaming Report and Progress towards the Equality Outcomes 2024-28

A mid-term progress update on delivery of the GCHSCP Equality Outcomes for 2024-2028 was presented and actions to mainstream equality duties (April 2024 to March 2026). The IJB noted the progress and approved the Equalities Progress and Mainstreaming report for publication, in line with the legislative requirement.

Gambling Levy Funding – The Glasgow Project

A report was presented to update on the successful award from UK Gambling Levy funding to implement a whole-system public health approach to reducing gambling harms in Glasgow. The IJB noted the new award of £3.44m to Glasgow for delivery of 'The Glasgow Project' from 2026-27 to 2028-29; and approved the proposed whole-system approach to preventing and reducing gambling-related harms on behalf of Glasgow Community Planning Partnership and through the governance arrangements for delivery.

Service Prioritisation - STEP Forward - Programme Update

The IJB received a report updating on progress with the Service Prioritisation programme since the last meeting. Members noted the change to the programme title - STEP Forward. STEP equals Strategic, Transparent, Effective and Planned. A relaunch of the programme took place in April where each member of the HSCP Executive recorded a video message outlining what STEP Forward means to them.

Glasgow City HSCP Domestic Abuse Strategy 2023-2028 – Progress Report

A progress report was presented on the implementation of the Glasgow City HSCP Domestic Abuse Strategy 2023-2028. The IJB noted the progress made in implementing the Strategy and acknowledged areas of strength and those identified for continued development. Progress updates will be brought to the IJB in 12 months.

Horizon Scanning

The IJB received a report providing a high level summary of potential future legislative developments that may impact on the Integration Joint Board's strategic objectives, budget or key operational activity.

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

There were no issues for referral to other Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board.

5. Approved Minutes from IJB Meeting held on 18 March 2026.

<https://glasgowcity.hscp.scot/publication/glasgow-city-ijb-minute-18-03-2026-approved>

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Glasgow City IJB will take place on 24 June 2026.