

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 24/89
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Date of IJB	26 June 2024
Committee Chairperson:	Anne-Marie Monaghan

1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) which took place on [26 June 2024](#).

2. Recommendation

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

3. Key Items of Discussion

- **NHS GGC Primary Care Strategy and Implementation**

The new Primary Care Strategy for NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (GGC) was presented and was well received by IJB members overall. There were some concerns around the timeframes for certain aspects of the strategy, difficulties perceived by some residents in obtaining GP appointments and the availability and accessibility of the strategy itself. Reassurance was provided and in response to comments around access, a commitment given to provide an overview from the results of the recent Health and Care Experience survey.

- **Unaudited Annual Report and Accounts**

The unaudited annual report and accounts was approved by the IJB after being remitted from Performance and Audit Committee without any change. It was

noted that financial recovery was the lead message for the year, both in the management commentary and in the governance statement.

It was noted that the £4.7 million overspend at year end was funded through non-recurring support from both partners; £2.6 million from East Renfrewshire Council and £2.1 million from NHS Greater Glasgow Clyde. It was also acknowledged that the IJB remains in breach of its reserves policy and the level of earmarked reserves has reduced in part to support financial recovery by reducing costs where possible. The ring-fenced and earmarked reserves held are for specific committed purposes. There is a tension between building and holding reserves whilst protecting front line services and delivering savings, however in the medium to longer term, reserves will need to be built back as part of long term sustainability.

- **Medium Term Financial Plan**

The IJB approved the Medium Term Financial Plan which sets out the potential issues and costs pressures based on a series of scenarios through to 2028/29. The cost pressures range from £3.5 to £8.6 million in any one year based on 'what if' rates of inflation and using a low, medium and high set of assumptions. The year with the highest level of cost pressure is 2026/27 as the non-recurring gain from the reduced pension contribution will drop out then, however this is being planned for.

Unlike previous versions of this plan, there are no assumptions or modelling included for any settlement income to offset any pressures, as it is not possible at this time to accurately project this given the uncertainty in the public sector financial landscape. The future assumptions are also predicated on delivery of the required savings to balance the 2024/25 budget and progress was summarised in the report.

Assurance was sought as to the confidence in being able to deliver the required savings. The Chief Financial Officer advised that we are one quarter through the year and have achieved 27%. It is too early to know if will over recover to the planned extent but it was reiterated that we absolutely have to deliver the level savings required to balance the budget, recognising we are still facing demand pressures. The Chief Officer concluded that the Supporting People Framework and delivery of other savings remains an absolute priority for her management team.

- **Annual Performance Report 2023/24**

The IJB approved the Annual Performance Report which provides detailed performance trends and examples of work undertaken and recognises the innovative and collaborative working with the third and independent sectors.

The IJB commented on how case studies brought the annual report to life and felt it was a very good report with lots to be proud of, considering the financial pressures. The Chief Officer confirmed that the report had also been scrutinised by the Performance and Audit Committee and they too had made similar comments. Whilst it is a remarkably positive report, she advised that we are anxious that the significant reduction in services and grant funding will impact future reports, particularly in 2024/25.

There was some discussion in relation to absence and it was noted that performance is improving within the Council workforce. The focused absence

panels within care at home have been successful and we are continuing with additional resource to allow us to target other teams with high absence. A meeting is planned to review NHS absence with the health board's Director of HR.

- **The National Neurodevelopmental Specification**

An update on the National Neurodevelopmental specification was presented noting the increase in children and young people presenting with ADS (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder). There are currently 590 young people awaiting assessment.

The IJB noted the progress and development of the service and the challenges therein and commented on how it was a good example of team work as both childrens and adult services are working closely to provide greater clarity and understanding for children, young people and their families and strengthen the transition period for young people. There was some discussion around the time to diagnosis and the impact of private psychiatrists.

- **Finance and Policy Implications for Fostering, Kinship and Adoption Scottish Recommended Allowances**

The IJB approved the changes to rates in line with the Scottish Recommended Allowance (SRA) noting that additional funding has been provided to allow payments to be backdated to April 2024. Clarification was provided around the differences for the fees between continuing care and supported care for those over 16 and it was noted that national rates set by the Scottish Government only apply to the child allowance.

- **Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) Annual Reporting Survey 2023-24**

The IJB approved the 2023-24 ADP Annual Reporting Survey for submission to the Scottish Government.

- **Delayed Discharge Position**

The IJB noted 11 people were currently delayed and that whilst code 9 delays had reduced, they remained higher than normal. Assurance was provided that care at home delays continue to be well managed with 98% of people without any delay. A slight increase in people moving to residential care was noted, mainly due to complexity of need with much frailer individuals unable to return home.

The Chief Officer noted that there is a real focus from a Scottish Government perspective and the CRAG, which meets weekly, have recently produced some data where East Renfrewshire were categorised in the 'need to maintain current performance'. The Chief Officer pointed out that is difficult to see how we can maintain current performance when our care at home budget is overspent.

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

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

5. Approved Minutes from IJB Meeting held on 27 March 2024

The minute of 27 March 2024 was approved subject to one minor typo. The minute from the June meeting will be discussed in August 2024.

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6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the East Renfrewshire IJB will take place on 14 August 2024.