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Committee Chairperson:	IJB Chair: Mehvish Ashraf

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 [12 August 2026](#).

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

- **Chief Officers Update**

The IJB noted the Chief Officer's update, which highlighted progress across the transformation programme, **A Healthier Future for East Renfrewshire: Shaping Care Together**, alongside the significant demand, workforce and financial pressures facing services. Members welcomed progress with transformation initiatives and sustainability measures, recognising the need to continue redesigning services and strengthening prevention to meet increasing complexity of need and secure long-term sustainability.

- **People Story – Justice**

The IJB received a People Story from Justice Services demonstrating the impact of early intervention, partnership working and person-centred support. Members heard directly from service users and welcomed the positive outcomes achieved. They noted the important role justice services play in supporting rehabilitation, reducing risk and improving community wellbeing.

- **Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2026/27; position as at Period 3 to 30th June 2026**

The IJB noted the latest revenue budget monitoring report, which forecasts an early projected overspend of £2.735 million (1.5% of the total budget) for 2026/27. This reflects a combination of operational pressures, increasing demand and delays in achieving some planned savings. Members recognised that this is an early position in the financial year and does not yet reflect the use of IJB reserves or committed financial support from East Renfrewshire Council for social care services. The IJB received assurance from the Chief Financial Officer that prudent assumptions have been applied, active work is underway to deliver agreed savings, and early action is being taken to improve the year-end position while maintaining a focus on long-term financial sustainability.

- **Implementation of Lived Experience Representative Voting Rights and Appointment**

The IJB approved the appointment of Ruth Gallagher, Chief Officer of Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire, as Third Sector Representative on both the Integration Joint Board and the Performance and Audit Committee, with Alan Campbell, Deputy Chief Officer of Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire, appointed as Proxy Third Sector Representative for both bodies. The Board also confirmed that Geoff Mohamed will continue as Unpaid Carer Representative and become a voting member from 1 September 2026. Members welcomed the implementation of the new voting rights arrangements, recognising the important contribution of unpaid carers, the third sector and people with lived experience in shaping health and social care services. The Service User Representative position remains vacant and work is underway to identify a suitable candidate through a compliant, inclusive and accessible recruitment process.

- **Extension to Voting Rights Update**

The IJB received an update on the implementation of new Scottish Government legislation extending voting rights for appointed service user, unpaid carer and third sector representatives on Integration Joint Boards across Scotland. Members noted that East Renfrewshire has established a short-life working group to oversee implementation and ensure local arrangements are effective, inclusive and aligned with the new statutory requirements. The changes are intended to strengthen the voice of people with lived experience in health and social care decision-making and support a broader range of perspectives in strategic discussions. The IJB also noted ongoing work to identify and appoint a Service User Representative.

- **Clinical Care and Professional Governance**

The IJB received assurance regarding Clinical Care and Professional Governance arrangements across the Partnership. Members noted ongoing work to support safe, effective and person-centred care through robust governance, professional leadership, quality improvement activity and continual learning across services.

- **Unscheduled Care and Hospital at Home Update**

The IJB received an update on unscheduled care performance and progress with Hospital at Home. Members recognised growing pressures across urgent and unscheduled care pathways but welcomed the continued development of Hospital at Home as an important element of the HSCP's transformation programme, supporting care closer to home, reducing avoidable admission and improving patient experience.

- **East Renfrewshire Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Plan 2026-2029**

The IJB approved the Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Plan 2026–2029. Members welcomed the strong focus on prevention, early intervention and reducing health inequalities, recognising the importance of collaborative action to improve population health outcomes and reduce future demand on services.

- **Strategic Risk Register Update**

The IJB reviewed the Strategic Risk Register and noted the key risks facing the Partnership. Members recognised the challenges associated with financial sustainability, service demand, workforce pressures and system dependencies and were assured that appropriate mitigating actions continue to be monitored through established governance arrangements.

- **Mental Health Services Update**

The IJB received an update on Mental Health Services, highlighting increasing demand, growing complexity of need and workforce recruitment challenges. Members welcomed the continued strong performance of psychological therapies and recovery services, investment in additional Mental Health Officer and neurodevelopmental capacity, and plans to strengthen community recovery supports, including development of a new Recovery Hub. The IJB recognised that service redesign and further transformation will be required to ensure long-term sustainability.

- **East Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Annual Update**

The IJB noted the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Annual Report outlining progress across prevention, treatment, recovery and harm reduction activity. Members welcomed continued partnership working and the development of new recovery-focused opportunities, recognising the importance of supporting individuals, families and communities affected by alcohol and drug use.

- **Suicide Prevention Strategy: Year 2 Update**

The IJB received a progress update on delivery of the Suicide Prevention Strategy. Members noted the continued focus on partnership working, community awareness, early intervention and improving access to support, recognising the importance of collaborative action to prevent suicide and improve mental wellbeing.

- **Adult Support and Protection Annual Assurance Report**

The IJB received assurance that Adult Support and Protection arrangements remain effective and proportionate. Members noted increasing demand and complexity but welcomed strong governance, improving workforce stability and evidence of good-quality practice, supported by effective multi-agency partnership working.

- **Child Protection Annual Assurance Report 2025/2026**

The IJB received assurance regarding local Child Protection arrangements. Members noted the continued effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding processes and welcomed ongoing improvement activity designed to keep children and young people safe and improve outcomes for families.

- **Community Justice Annual Report 2025-2026**

The IJB reviewed the Community Justice Annual Report and noted progress in supporting rehabilitation, reducing reoffending and improving outcomes for individuals involved in the justice system. Members welcomed the strong partnership approach and recognised its contribution to safer, more resilient communities.

- **Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy Update**

The IJB received an update on work to prevent violence against women and girls and support those affected by abuse. Members noted the importance of partnership working, early intervention and trauma-informed approaches in improving safety, supporting recovery and addressing inequalities.

- **Equalities and Fairness Statement**

The IJB approved its Equalities and Fairness Statement, reaffirming its commitment to reducing inequalities and ensuring that equality, human rights and fairness are considered in the design, delivery and review of services. Members welcomed the statement as an important framework for supporting inclusive decision-making and ensuring that the needs of people experiencing disadvantage or poorer outcomes are considered as part of service planning and transformation.

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.

The IJB continues to face significant financial pressures and remains focused on achieving agreed savings, taking corrective action where required and delivering

long-term financial sustainability. At the same time, the HSCP is progressing its transformation programme, **A Healthier Future for East Renfrewshire: Shaping Care Together**, to respond to increasing demand, growing complexity of need and workforce challenges. Alongside investment in new models of care, prevention and digital innovation, a range of sustainability measures are being implemented to ensure resources are targeted where they are needed most. This includes the redesign of Care at Home to an in-house reablement model, development of an Early Intervention and Prevention Team, a Hospital at Home pilot, strengthened oversight of care commitments, accelerated Care at Home reviews, continued implementation of Home First approaches and workforce measures to support long-term sustainability. Collectively, these actions aim to improve outcomes, support more people to remain independent at home and ensure services remain sustainable for the future.

5. Approved Minutes from IJB Meeting held on 28 January 2025

At the August meeting, the minute of 23 June was approved subject to changes. The minute from the August meeting will be discussed in September 2026.

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6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the East Renfrewshire IJB will take place on 23 September 2026.