

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 26/126
Paper Title:	Inverclyde Integration Joint Board Report
Meeting:	NHSGGC Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	27 August 2026
Purpose of Paper:	Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Date of IJB:	22 June 2026
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 22nd June 2026 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

Items for Action

Item 4. Unaudited Annual Accounts

The Board were presented with the IJB Unaudited Annual Accounts for the year 2025/26. The preparation of Annual Accounts and publication of the Annual Governance Statement is a statutory requirement under the Local Government (Scotland) Act.

The board agreed the recommendations of the report, including:

- Noting the approach to comply with local authority accounts regulations
- Approving the transfer of identified underspend to earmarked reserves.
- Approving the Annual Governance Statement, and

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- Agree the unaudited accounts 2025/26 for submission to the external auditor

Item 5. Inverclyde Integration Joint Board (IJB) and IJB Audit Committee – Proposed Dates of Future Meetings

The Board were presented with a paper identifying future meetings of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board and Integration Joint Board Audit Committee from August 2026 to May 2027.

The dates were accepted by the Board.

Item 6. Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019: Annual Report

The board were presented with the Annual Report in relation to the Health and Care Staffing Act. This report has a particular focus on Social Work staffing and operations and provides assurance to IJB on local compliance with the duties within the act.

The report was approved by the Board and will be submitted to Scottish Government.

Items for noting and routine decisions

Item 7. Children and Families Redesign: Foster Care Recruitment Update

The Board were presented with a paper on local developments in recruiting new local Foster Carers to support local care experienced young people to remain in Inverclyde. Inverclyde has delivered an improved recruitment campaign, including a new digital marketing approach. This has improved the volume of enquiries by potential foster carers.

The update is set against the background of the IJBs decision to increase the local fostering fee in Inverclyde to ensure parity with other local authorities.

The report was noted by the board.

Item 8. Update Report on the Success of the Lens Project

The Board were provided an update on the success of the Lens 'ideas to actions' project, which involved the development of innovative projects, developed by local staff to support local children young people and families.

The report was noted by the board.

Item 9. Closure of Inverclyde Centre – Decommissioning Planning

The Board were presented with a paper advising of the decommissioning plan overseeing the closure of the Inverclyde Centre. Focus was given to the positive progress to date and the planned return date for the building to Inverclyde Council.

The paper was noted by the board.

Item 10. Vaccination Transformation: Model Delivery, Progress & Impact

The Board were presented with a progress report on Inverclyde's Vaccination Transformation programme. The programme is delivering strong performance using a range of methods to improve access to and uptake of vaccinations. Identified

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challenges include variable uptake in vaccinations across the workforce, in harder to reach communities, and across different population groups. Work is progressing to improve this.

The paper was noted by the Board.

Item 11. Chief Officer's Report

The Board were presented with the Chief Officer's report which provided a focus on, Delayed Discharges, the Mental Health Information and Self-Management Day.

- A government supported test of change programme will be implemented locally to help address complex (AWI) delayed discharges. This will involve enhanced supports at home to facilitate effective discharge for those with more complex care needs.
- The Mental Health Information Day in May proved to be successful in bringing partners together to highlight the wider range of mental health supports available in Inverclyde for local people.

The report was noted by the Board.

Exempt Information

Item 12. Private Appendix to minutes of Inverclyde Integration Joint Board – 11th May 2026.

The Board approved the previous minute of the private appendix.

Item 13. Governance of HSCP Commissioned External Organisations

IJB were presented with an update position on governance of HSCP

Commissioned External Organisations, covering the period from 18th April 2026 to 29th May 2026.

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 28th August 2026.