

<b>NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde</b>	<b>Paper No. 25/44</b>
<b>Paper Title:</b>	<b>West Dunbartonshire Integration Joint Board Report</b>
<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>NHSGGC Board Meeting</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>29 April 2025</b>
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<b>Date of IJB</b>	<b>24 March 2025</b>
<b>Committee Chairperson:</b>	<b>Chair – Michelle Wailes</b>

## 1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board of key items of discussion which took place at the West Dunbartonshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) on the 24 March 2025.

## 2. Recommendation

**The NHS Board is asked to consider the following recommendation:** To note the items for discussion at the meeting of the West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Board (IJB) which took place on the 24 March 2025.

## 3. Key Items of Discussion

The key agenda items considered at the HSCP Board on 24 March 2025 were:

### VERBAL UPDATE FROM CHIEF OFFICER

Beth Culshaw, Chief Officer, provided a verbal update on the recent business of the Health and Social Care Partnership highlighting the complexity of the agenda and explaining that for almost a year the senior management team had been developing the 2025/26 budget, considering greater effectiveness and efficiency balanced with quality of service and consideration of impact on patients and service users, as well as staff.

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The Chief Officer explained that work on the 2026/27 budget will commence immediately in parallel with the development of a new strategic plan.

The Chief Officer explained that the Management Team are committed to providing the best possible services with the resources that are available and noted that the savings presented for consideration had been debated at length to ensure that the Management Team were professionally satisfied that they do not compromise professional or statutory standards.

### **LEARNING DISABILITY REVIEW**

A report was submitted by Sylvia Chatfield, Head of Addictions, Learning Disabilities and Mental Health, on the review of Work Connect, and to seek approval for closure of the service. The Board agreed:

- (1) to instruct the Head of Addictions, Learning Disabilities and Mental Health to engage further with service users highlighting the options available to the Board;
- (1) to note the proposal to close Work Connect;
- (2) to note the alternative service provision options for service users impacted by this closure; and
- (3) to note the staff and service user engagement.

### **FAIR ACCESS TO COMMUNITY CARE (ADULT SERVICES AND CHILDREN SERVICES)**

A report was submitted by Margaret-Jane Cardno, Head of Strategy and Transformation, providing an update on the HSCP Self Directed Support (SDS) Policy by introducing a fair access approach to community care which will enhance the HSCP Self Directed Support (SDS) Policy by providing greater transparency in relation to the local mechanism for the calculation of the “relevant amount”, ensuring equity of service across the HSCP and promoting further opportunities for service users to exercise choice and control.

The Board agreed:

- (1) to approve the implementation of Self-Directed Support Equivalent Service Rates.
- (2) that HSCP Officers will update the indicative rates once the external provider rates are known for 2025/26;
- (3) that these service rates be applied from the 1 April 2025; and
- (4) that the Indicative Self-Directed Support Equivalent Service Rates be appended to the current Self Directed Support Policy noting that a full review of this Policy is scheduled for the first half of the 2025/26 financial year.

## **KINSHIP ALLOWANCES FOR CARERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE**

A report was submitted by Lesley James, Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice and Chief Social Work Officer, considering eligibility and allowances to Kinship Carers who support children and young people in West Dunbartonshire. The Board agreed:

- (1) to note the allowances aligned to the Scottish Recommended Allowance (SRA) which was implemented by the Scottish Government in August 2023;
- (2) entitlement to Kinship allowances at SRA rate for all formal kinship carers where the child has a looked after status and where the child was looked after on his/her 16th Birthday up until age of 18 years old;
- (3) entitlement to Kinship allowances at SRA rate for all informal kinship carers, where the child is a non-looked after child and is subject of a Kinship Care Order, and was previously looked after by virtue of having been placed in Kinship care with involvement from the local authority; or is assessed through a multi-agency assessment using GIRFEC Wellbeing Indicators as being at risk of becoming looked after up until the child's 18th Birthday.
- (4) for young people aged between 18 and 21 years old who remain within a Kinship Care placement and who are eligible for Continuing Care due to having been looked after on their 16th Birthday receive a Continuing Care allowance of £200;
- (5) for young people aged between 18 and 21 years old who remain within a Kinship Care placement and had been the subject of an order under Section 11 of the Children's (Scotland) Act 1995 and who also remain in full time education receive a Continuing Care allowance of £200 which will be payable to the young person;
- (6) that officers review the additional allowances currently payable to Kinship carers following consultation with both Kinship carers and young people who this relates to and the completion of a further Equalities Impact Assessment; and
- (7) implementation of eligibility criteria and allowances will be effective from 1st July 2025.

## **BUDGET ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

A report was submitted by Margaret-Jane Cardno, Head of Strategy and Transformation, updating the HSCP Board on the findings of the 2025/26 Budget Engagement Survey published by the West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership in December 2024. The Board agreed to note the content of this report.

## **FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE REPORT**

A report was submitted by Julie Slavin, Chief Financial Officer, providing information on the financial performance as at period 10 to 31 January 2025 and a projected outturn position to 31 March 2025. The Board agreed:

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- (1) to note the updated position in relation to budget movements on the 2024/25 allocation by West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board and approve the direction for 2024/25 back to our partners to deliver services to meet the HSCP Board's strategic priorities;
- (2) to note the reported revenue position for the period to 31 January 2025 is reporting an adverse (overspend) position of £1.316m (0.76%);
- (3) to note the projected outturn position of £1.565m overspend (0.75%) for 2024/25 including all planned transfers to/from earmarked reserves;
- (4) to note that the impact of recovery planning actions taken to date by the Senior Management Team to address the projected overspend;
- (5) to note the update on the monitoring of savings agreed for 2024/25;
- (6) to note the current reserves balances and the impact the projected overspend has on unearmarked balances;
- (7) to note the update on the capital position and projected completion timelines; and
- (8) to note that the progress to date on the budget planning process for 2025/26 to 2027/28 is detailed in a separate report within the agenda for this HSCP Board meeting.

## REVENUE BUDGET SETTING REPORT

A report was submitted by Julie Slavin, Chief Financial Officer, providing information on the above. The Board agreed to:-

- (1) **Accept** the flat cash offer from West Dunbartonshire Council of the roll forward of the 2024/25 recurring base allocation of £89.830m plus share of Scottish Government funding for social care policy commitments;
- (2) **Accept** the additional funding offer from the Council for Grant Aided Expenditure (GAE) Indicator changes of £0.517m and Employer's National Insurance of £0.681m;
- (3) **Accept** a total Council allocation for 2025/26 of £93.442 based on (a) and (b) above;
- (4) **Note** that funding of £13.138m related to Children's Social Care Pay remains unallocated at this time. The HSCP's share is anticipated to be £0.227m which would increase the funding allocation from the Council to £93.669m;
- (5) **Note** the 2025/26 funding for Justice Social Work Services of £2.838m;
- (6) **Accept** the indicative 2025/26 budget allocation from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board (NHSGGC) of £115.831m, subject to confirmation of the final month 12 recurring base and indicative set aside budget of £46.348m;

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- (7) **Note** that 60% of the cost relating to the Employer's National Insurance increase for Health Care, totalling £0.500m, is anticipated to be funded by the Scottish Government;
- (8) **Note** that the remaining 40% cost relating to Employer's National Insurance increases for Health Care, totalling £0.334m, is anticipated to be funded from the NHSGCC sustainability fund. This brings the total indicative recurring base allocation to £116.665m;
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- (10) **Approve** an overall indicative funding allocation to the Partnership of £210.334m based on (c), (d), (f), (g) and (h), excluding set aside for delegated health and social care services for 2025/26; and
- (11) **Note** the analysis of the reserves position and projected balances as at 31 March 2025.

### STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER (APPROVAL)

A report was submitted by Margaret-Jane Cardno, Head of Strategy and Transformation, presenting the Strategic Risk Register to the West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board for approval. The Board agreed:

- (1) to note the comments offered by the HSCP Board Audit and Performance Committee on 18 February 2025; and
- (2) to approve the Strategic Risk Register, subject to any required amendments.

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

A report was submitted by Margaret-Jane Cardno, Head of Strategy and Transformation, confirming the constitutional membership of the Integration Joint Board, known locally as the Health and Social Care Partnership Board. The Board agreed:

- (1) to note the Voting members from the Elected Members of West Dunbartonshire Council;
- (2) to note the Voting members from the Non-Executive Directors of Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board;
- (3) to appoint the Non-Voting members of the HSCP Board, including the confirmation of the designated professional advisors, noting that the final appointment of Carolyn Ralston (Stakeholder Member) is subject to the receipt of suitable references; and
- (4) to note the forthcoming retirement of Diana McCrone and thank Diana for her many years of dedicated service to the HSCP Board.

## **CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER REPORT**

A report was submitted by Lesley James, Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice and Chief Social Work Officer, providing information on the statutory work undertaken on the Council's behalf, including a summary of governance arrangements, service delivery, resources and workforce. The Board agreed to note the contents of the report.

### **4. Minutes**

The approved minutes of previous HSCP Board meetings together with all the relevant background papers can be found via the following link: [HSCP Board Meeting Papers - West Dunbartonshire HSCP \(wdhscp.org.uk\)](https://wdhscp.org.uk)

### **5. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the West Dunbartonshire HSCP Board is 27 May 2025.