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Date of IJB	23 September 2026
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 [23 September 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

IJB Chief Officer Update

The IJB noted the Chief Officer's Update, including progress across strategic priorities, operational pressures, transformation and wider partnership activity. Members also noted the updated horizon-scanning assessment and Programme for Government 2026–2031. The IJB agreed the addition of Adult Autism Assessment Waiting Times and associated neurodevelopmental demand pressures to the Strategic Risk Register, with controls and improvement actions managed through established risk arrangements. Members also noted that revised Standing Orders and associated voting-rights arrangements would return to the IJB in November 2026 following member consultation.

People Story – Primary Care

The IJB received a People Story on primary care, providing members with insight into East Renfrewshire community treatment rooms. The story showcased an example of how PCIP staff work on a daily basis and the how multidisciplinary team can improve patient experience and support GP capacity.

Audited Annual Report and Accounts 2025/26

The IJB approved the audited Annual Report and Accounts for 2025/26. It was noted that the IJB ended the year with an operational underspend of £2.7million which would be added to reserves, improving the financial position compared to the previous year. Members were encouraged by the report, noting the amount of work that had taken place over the last year. It was of no surprise that financial sustainability remains a significant risk due to ongoing funding pressures, reserves levels, savings requirements, combined with increasing demand. Members noted the importance of continued scrutiny through established governance arrangements, and the need to maintain focus on financial sustainability and delivery of agreed savings and transformation activity.

Adult Social Care in East Renfrewshire: Demand, Performance, Quality and Sustainability

The IJB considered the current position across Adult Social Care, including areas of strong performance alongside increasing demand and complexity, workforce, market and financial pressures. Members welcomed the level of detail within the report which clearly demonstrated the challenges facing the HSCP and noted that the change to distribution methodology which is based on deprivation not population poses a particular financial challenge for East Renfrewshire where there is an increasing population. Members endorsed the future direction for Adult Social Care, focused on earlier support, independence, personalisation, safe and high-quality community care, resilient services and sustainable delivery. The IJB also agreed strengthened ongoing assurance reporting covering outcomes and experience, quality and safety, access and demand, workforce and market resilience, finance and transformation delivery.

East Renfrewshire Children's Services Plan 2026-2029

The IJB approved the East Renfrewshire Children's Services Plan 2026-2029. Members noted that the Plan sets a shared vision for a connected, hopeful community where early support for every child, young person and family is easy to find, structured around the priorities of prevention, pathways, The Promise and people.

Transitions Strategy and Actions

The IJB considered the review of transitions arrangements and approved the refreshed direction, principles, plan and associated governance arrangements, noting the importance of improving experiences and outcomes for young people moving between children's and adult services. Members noted increasing demand, complexity and financial pressures associated with transitions and the importance of improving preparation for adulthood through earlier and more joined-up planning. A progress report will return within 12 months, with interim updates provided through the Chief Officer's Report as required.

East Renfrewshire Health Visiting Service Review

The IJB noted the Health Visiting Service Review, including the modifications currently in place to the Universal Health Visiting Pathway and the risks associated with their continuation over an extended period. There was discussion around the modified pathway and the workforce challenges including the plans to recruit to additional health visitors to mitigate current risks. Members endorsed actions to strengthen pathway delivery and service sustainability and agreed that continued inability to deliver the full pathway should be added to the HSCP Strategic Risk Register. A progress report will return within 12 months, with interim updates provided through the Chief Officer's Report as required.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2026/27

The IJB noted the revenue budget monitoring position at Period 4 to 31 July 2026, including a projected £4.124m overspend for 2026/27 prior to the use of reserves. Members noted that the Chief Officer and management team are taking action to contain costs and deliver within budget, with further updates to be provided through established governance arrangements. The IJB emphasised the continued importance of savings delivery, financial recovery and transformation in responding to the underlying financial pressures.

Professional Leads Annual Assurance Reports

Members welcomed the annual professional assurance reports from the Chief Social Work Officer, Chief Nurse, Lead Allied Health Professional and Pharmacy Lead. This is the first time the IJB had received reports from Lead Officers, with the exception of the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report. The introduction of the additional professional reports strengthens IJB assurance on professional leadership, quality and governance and provides greater visibility of common themes including increasing demand and complexity, workforce capacity, financial pressures and the need for transformation.

Third Sector Annual Report

The IJB noted the Third Sector Annual Report, recognising the contribution of the third sector to health and social care outcomes in East Renfrewshire and the importance of continued partnership working, community capacity and involvement in service redesign and improvement.

Clinical and Care Governance Annual Report

The IJB noted the Clinical and Care Governance Annual Report, which provided assurance on the arrangements in place to support quality, safety, learning and improvement across delegated services. Members noted the importance of clinical and care governance in supporting safe, effective and person-centred care. There was discussion in relation to governance arrangements and the introduction of local oversight group which will focus on incidents and associated learning.

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 HSCP continues to work with partners to manage financial and operational pressures, progress agreed savings and transformation activity, and maintain focus on quality, safety and sustainability across delegated services.

5. Approved Minutes from IJB Meeting held on 12 August 2026

The minute of 12 August 2026 was considered and approved.

The minute from the September meeting will be discussed at the November IJB meeting.

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6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the East Renfrewshire IJB will take place on 18th November 2026.