

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 24/47
Paper Title:	West Dunbartonshire Integration Joint Board Report
Meeting:	NHSGGC Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	30 April 2024
Purpose of Paper:	Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Date of IJB	28 March 2024
Committee Chairperson:	Vice Chair – Rona Sweeney

1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at the West Dunbartonshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) which took place on 28 March 2024.

2. Recommendation

The NHS Board is asked to consider the following recommendations: To note the outcome of the meeting of the West Dunbartonshire HSCP Board (IJB) which will take place on the 28 March 2024.

3. Key Items of Discussion

The key agenda items considered at the HSCP Board on 28 March 2024 were:

Chief Officer Report

Ms Culshaw stated that there were some key agenda items to be discussed at the meeting which were pivotal to moving forward the work of the HSCP board as a whole, with the financial challenges faced by the partnership at the heart of these. She emphasised that many of the savings proposed provide non-recurring relief for this year only and therefore it is important as we go forward to focus on the range of redesign projects to achieve longer term financial stability. Ms Culshaw asked members to note that budget setting is predicated on amending a number of packages and a range of client groups and we therefore need to ensure that when our population has a requirement for any of our services, be it health or social care, that they have a clear pathway to access these. We must assess and deliver needs to the best suitability to the individual. Cost containment will be a key element of the approach this year in managing our resources.

Ms Culshaw also highlighted in recent weeks the Partnership has been challenged with the scale of delayed discharges, caused by a high level of referrals and significant sickness absence in the team. The senior management team have been working together to face this challenge and reduce the number of delayed discharges.

Financial Performance Report

A report was submitted providing an update on the financial performance at period 10 to 31 January 2024 and the projected out turn position to March 2024, with the former noting an adverse position of £1.349M (0.82%) and the latter projecting an out turn of £1.067M (0.80%).

2024/2025 Budget Setting

The report set out the financial allocations from West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board, the main cost pressures and key financial risk for the HSCP Board in 2024/25 and sought members approval to set an indicative 2024/25 revenue budget.

Following deputations from the carers of West Dunbartonshire, YSortIT and Benview, regarding the proposed cuts to their funding, a short adjournment was held. Following this, amended reductions to these services enabled the Board to agree the revenue budget proposed, acknowledging the significant financial challenges faced.

Local Carers Strategy: 2024-2026 Improving Lives with Carers

Recognising the key role played by carers across our communities, the Board agreed to the refreshed local carers strategy and approved the delivery plan and finances required to deliver this.

Children's health and Care Services Strategy: Improving lives with Children and Young People in West Dunbartonshire

The Chief Social Work Officer presented a detailed report outlining a 5 year strategy to review and redesign children and families services with the overarching aim to more effectively utilise the funding available to improve the long term outcomes for our young people. Having previously considered the aims of the strategy in an informal session, the board were content to approve the approach taken subject to annual scrutiny and review.

Care at Home Redesign

The Head of Health and Community Care provided an update on the progress of the Care at Home redesign following the outcome of recent consultations and gained approval to move to implementation of the redesign.

Risk Appetite Statement

Having previously considered this work within the Audit and Performance Committee, the Board approved the proposed Risk appetite statement subject to review.

Review of HSCP Board Financial Regulations

The Board approved the revised Financial Regulations.

Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting will be shared when they are agreed.

Date of Next Meeting

Subject to confirmation Thursday 27th June 2024.