

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 26/57
Paper Title:	East Dunbartonshire Integration Joint Board Report
Meeting:	NHSGGC Board Meeting
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Purpose of Paper:	For Awareness and Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Date of IJB	19 March 2026
Committee Chairperson:	Chair – NHS Non Exec, Libby Cairns Vice Chair & Elected Member – Councillor Calum Smith

1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to: inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at the East Dunbartonshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) on 19th March 2026.

2. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the most recent meeting of the IJB on 19th March 2026 as set out below, and seek further information or assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

The minute of the meeting of 22nd January 2026 was reviewed and approved by members following some amendments.

- Derrick Pearce, Chief Officer (CO) addressed the Board and summarised the national and local developments since the last meeting of the IJB.
 - **Skye House and Ward 4 HIS/MWC Inspections**
Healthcare Improvement Scotland and the Mental Welfare Commission published the reports of their joint inspections of Ward 4 the National Child Inpatient Psychiatric Unit and Skye House the West of Scotland Adolescent Inpatient Unit. These on-site inspections were undertaken in August 2025

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and the reports were published in February 2026. In the intervening period between inspection and the reports being published significant improvement work, particularly at Skye House, was underway. A number of areas of good practice were recognised in both units. Improvement Plans are in place for each of the Units in response to the Requirements and Areas for Improvement given by the inspectors contained within the inspection reports. There is an 18 week period for requirements and improvements to be completed. An update report will be presented to the IJB.

- A draft of the Royal College of Psychiatrists Invited Review Report regarding Skye House commissioned by NHSGGC has been received. Currently there is discussion on points of factual accuracy with the College with the final report due by end March 2026. This will be reported to the IJB in due course.
- **Voting Rights**
The statutory instrument to extend the voting rights on IJBs to carer and service user representatives and to 3rd sector representatives has been maintained and will come into force in September 2026. A national working group has been set up to consider how this will be taken forward and we are actively participating in this to understand the implications for East Dunbartonshire IJB.
- **CMHT Mental Welfare Commission visits 19th/20 Jan**
A report has been received following a Mental Welfare Commission Inspection of East Dunbartonshire Community Mental Health Team (CMHT). The report reflects the excellent work of the CMHT and the value patients derive from this service. This report will be presented to a scheduled meeting of the Performance, Audit and Risk Committee.
- **World Social Work Day**
World Social Work day was on Tuesday 17th March. This coincided with the launch of the new Scottish National Social Work Agency. Both events served as a timely opportunity to reflect on the importance of the work of qualified social workers and the impact they make in supporting change in people's lives every day.
- IJB Members received a report from David Aitken, Head of Adult Services/Chief Social Worker (CSWO) on the conclusion of the **Adult Social Work Service Review** and provided a summary of the options appraisal and subsequent recommendation to the Board. Members noted the contents of the report and approved the recommended option which will achieve recurrent savings of £124,167 per annum.
- Alison McCready, Chief Finance and Resources Officer (CFRO) presented members with a report on the outcome of the **Business Support Service Review**. Members noted and approved the outcome of the Business Support Review and instruct the CFRO to implement the new model and revised Business Support Service Structure which will achieve recurrent savings associated with this review of £160,794 in 2027/2028. A £50,000 target saving assumed in 2025/2026; and expected in year saving of £60,794 in 2026/2027.

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- David Aitken, Head of Adult Services/CSWO presented a report on the conclusion of the **Community Mental Health Team and Community Older People's Mental Health Team Service Review** a summary of the options appraisal and recommendations to the Board. Members noted the contents of the report and approved the recommended options (2) & (4) which will achieve recurring savings of £132,492 per annum.
- Claire Carthy, Head of Children Services and Criminal Justice presented a report on the progress of the review of **East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) Disability Social Work Services** and outlined recommendations for future service development that concur with the wider Learning Disability Review objective; to ensure learning disability services across East Dunbartonshire are sustainable, efficient and high quality. Members noted the content of the report and approved the proposed recommendations for development across Disability Social Work Services in EDC.
- Alison McCready, (CFRO) updated board members on **Financial Planning and Budget Setting for 2026/2027**, including the proposed financial allocations from EDC and NHSGGC, seeking approval for a balanced budget for the IJB. Members noted the extent of cost pressures, and financial challenges in 20-26/2027 and beyond; the management actions and efficiency savings; the impact on the HSCP Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-30; the risks to the Partnership in meeting service demands for health and social care functions and delivery of the strategic priorities

Members approved the proposals/strategy for setting a balanced budget; the service redesign and budget reduction options and approved the approach for utilisation of smoothing reserves.

- The **HSCP Annual Delivery Plan 2026-27** was presented by Alison Willacy, Planning Performance and Quality Manager to the Board, reporting on the progress against the overarching Strategic Plan 2025-30. IJB members approved the Annual Delivery Plan.
- David Aitken, Head of Adult Services/CSWO provided an update to the Board on the **EDC Carers Strategy 2023-2026**, seeking agreement and authorisation to extend the Strategy by one year to 2027 to accommodate the publication of the anticipated new National Carers Strategy. Members approved an extension to 31st March 2027.
- Alison Willacy, Planning Performance and Quality Manager updated members on **East Dunbartonshire HSCP Equalities Mainstream Report 2023-2025**. Members noted the content of the report and approved the publication on the HSCP website to meet the requirements of the Equalities Act 2010.
- Fiona Munro, Lead Allied Health Professional, provided an update report to the Board on **Hospital Discharge Delays: Performance and Assurance**. Board members were assured that the daily scrutiny and robust process to manage delays reported continues, personally managed by the Chief Officer and remains a priority area for the HSCP. Members were informed of the number of East Dunbartonshire residents in NHSGGC hospitals who are delayed in discharge; those who are subject to Adults with Incapacity Act; standard delays awaiting

placement to care home or assessment for a care home bed. Members noted the report.

- The **HSCP Quarter 3 Performance Report** was provided by Alison Willacy, Planning Performance and Quality Manager informing the IJB members of progress made against an agreed suite of performance targets and measures, relating to the delivery of the HSCP strategic priorities and national health and wellbeing outcomes, for the period October to December 2025 (Quarter 3). Board members noted and considered the report.
- Alison McCready, (CFRO) updated board members on the **Financial Performance on Budget 2025/2026 – Month 10**. Following consideration members noted the outturn position; the continued actions by the Chief Officer and management team to mitigate underlying cost pressures; budget adjustments detailed within the report; the HSCP financial performance; the progress on achievement of savings plans and the anticipated reserves position of the IJB. IJB Members duly approved budget adjustments and the budget position outlined in the report.
- Alison McCready, (CFRO) presented the **Final Audited Annual Accounts for 2023/2024** for noting, which had been approved for signing on behalf of the IJB at the Performance, Audit and Risk Committee on 9th February 2026.
- Alison McCready, (CFRO) provided Board Members with an update on the status of the **HSCP Corporate Risk Register**, detailing how risks are mitigated and managed within the HSCP. Members considered and approved the Corporate Risk Register and approved a revised risk on a page template for future reporting.
- The Board noted the suite of minutes from the established governance groups, namely the **Public Service User and Carer Group (PSUC), Performance Audit and Risk Committee, Clinical and Care Governance Group, Strategic Planning Group**, and the **Staff Partnership Forum** detailing activities undertaken by each group.
- The Board noted the proposed agenda items for future meetings including Topic Specific Seminars, and Board Development sessions.

4. **Issues for referral to Standing Committees of the Board or escalation to the NHS Board**

There were no issues for referral to Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board.

5. **Approved Minutes from IJB Meeting Held on 22 January 2026.**

The minutes of the meeting of 22 January 2026 were approved with amendments noted at the 19 March 2026 meeting and can be accessed within the meeting papers via the following link

[East Dunbartonshire Integration Joint Board Meeting of 19th March 2026](#)

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the East Dunbartonshire IJB will take place on Thursday 25 June 2026.