
Report To: Inverclyde Integration Joint Board Audit Committee **Date:** 21 March 2022

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Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership **Report No:** IJBA/06/2022/AP

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Subject: STATUS OF EXTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLANS AT 31 JANUARY 2022

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise IJB Audit Committee members of the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans at 31 January 2022.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Chief Internal Auditor co-ordinates follow up reporting on current actions arising from External Audit Action Plans on a monthly basis with regular reporting to the Audit Committee.

- 2.2 There were no actions due for completion by 31 January 2022.

- 2.3 There are 3 current external audit actions being progressed by officers. The current status report is attached at Appendix 1.

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3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that IJB Audit Committee members note the progress to date in relation to the implementation of external audit actions.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 External Audit regularly report findings and action plans to relevant IJB Officers and the Audit Committee as part of their annual audit plan.
- 4.2 A follow up process is in place to allow follow up of current external audit actions to be co-ordinated and updated by Internal Audit on a monthly basis with regular reporting to the Audit Committee.

5.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 5.1 There were no actions due for completion by 31 January 2022.
- 5.2 There are 3 current external audit actions being progressed by officers. The current status report is attached at Appendix 1.

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6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 6.1 The work required to carry out audit follow up will be contained within the existing Internal Audit budget set by Inverclyde Council.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

- 6.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

- 6.3 There are no direct HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

- 6.4 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

How does this report address our Equality Outcomes?

Equalities Outcome	Implications
People, including individuals from the above protected characteristic groups, can access HSCP services.	None
Discrimination faced by people covered by the protected characteristics across HSCP services is reduced if not eliminated.	None
People with protected characteristics feel safe within their communities.	None
People with protected characteristics feel included in the planning and developing of services.	None
HSCP staff understand the needs of people with different protected characteristic and promote diversity in the work that they do.	None
Opportunities to support Learning Disability service users experiencing gender based violence are maximised.	None
Positive attitudes towards the resettled refugee community in Inverclyde are promoted.	None

6.5 There are no direct clinical or care governance implications arising from this report.

National Wellbeing Outcomes

6.6 How does this report support delivery of the National Wellbeing Outcomes?

National Wellbeing Outcome	Implications
People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer.	None
People, including those with disabilities or long term conditions or who are frail are able to live, as far as reasonably practicable, independently and at home or in a homely setting in their community	None
People who use health and social care services have positive experiences of those services, and have their dignity respected.	None
Health and social care services are centred on helping to maintain or improve the quality of life of people who use those services.	None
Health and social care services contribute to reducing health inequalities.	None
People who provide unpaid care are supported to look after their own health and wellbeing, including reducing any negative impact of their caring role on their own health and wellbeing.	None
People using health and social care services are safe from harm.	None

People who work in health and social care services feel engaged with the work they do and are supported to continuously improve the information, support, care and treatment they provide.	None
Resources are used effectively in the provision of health and social care services.	None

7.0 DIRECTIONS

7.1	Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both	Direction to:	
		1. No Direction Required	X
		2. Inverclyde Council	
		3. NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde (GG&C)	
		4. Inverclyde Council and NHS GG&C	

8.0 CONSULTATIONS

8.1 N/A

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 External Audit Reports. Copies available from Chief Internal Auditor.

**INVERCLYDE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD
INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE ON
STATUS OF EXTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS
AT 31 JANUARY 2022**

Summary: Section 1 Summary of Management Actions due for completion by 31/01/2022

There were no actions due for completion by 31 January 2022.

Section 2 Summary of Current Management Actions Plans at 31/01/2022

At 31 January 2022 there were no audit reports delayed due to management not finalising the action plan within agreed timescales.

Section 3 Current Management Actions at 31/01/2022

At 31 January 2022 there were 3 current audit action points.

Section 4 Analysis of Missed Deadlines

At 31 January 2022 there were 2 audit action points where the agreed deadline has been missed.

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SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT ACTION PLANS DUE FOR COMPLETION BY 31.01.2022

SECTION 1

No. of Actions Due	No. of Actions Completed	Deadline missed Revised date set*	Deadline missed Revised date to be set*
0			

* These actions are included in the Analysis of Missed Deadlines – Section 4

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STATUS OF EXTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS**

SUMMARY OF CURRENT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AS AT 31.01.2022

SECTION 2

CURRENT ACTIONS

Month	No of actions
Due for completion March 2022	1
Due for completion July 2022	1
Due for completion March 2023	1
Total Actions	3

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CURRENT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AS AT 31.01.2022

SECTION 3

Action	Owner	Expected Date
2019/2020 Annual Audit Report (October 2020)		
Savings Proposals Efficiency savings plans and proposals should continue to be developed to meet anticipated savings targets.	Chief Financial Officer	31.03.2022*
Integration Scheme Review The Scottish Government have confirmed IJBs will be required to review their current integration schemes rather than complete a new scheme. The IJB is working with the other Greater Glasgow & Clyde IJBs around the timing of this review. It is anticipated that the six IJBs (associated with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde) will work together with their Council and Health Board Partners to review their schemes with a view to approving and submitting the updated Integration Schemes to the Scottish Government by July 2022.	Chief Officer	31.07.2022
Implementation of Locality Planning Groups This work has inevitably been delayed by Covid-19. However, work is restarting on this now. An initial virtual pilot meeting is due to take place soon for the Port Glasgow Locality Group.	Planning and Performance Manager (HSCP)	31.03.2023*

* See analysis of missed deadlines – Section 4

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ANALYSIS OF MISSED DEADLINES**

SECTION 4

Report	Action	Original Date	Revised Date	Management Comments
2019/2020 Annual Audit Report (October 2020)	Implementation of Locality Planning Groups This work has inevitably been delayed by Covid-19. However, work is restarting on this now. An initial virtual pilot meeting is due to take place soon for the Port Glasgow Locality Group.	31.03.21	31.03.23	Two Locality Planning Groups have been established (Port Glasgow and Inverkip & Wemyss Bay) and last met in September 2021 with meetings scheduled quarterly. By June 2022, an evaluation of these two groups will take place and decision made by October 2022 as to whether to extend to the other four areas (as per the current model) or consider a streamlined approach of establishing two LPGs covering East and West Inverclyde with the six CEGs continuing to meet regularly.
2019/2020 Annual Audit Report (October 2020)	Savings Proposals Efficiency savings plans and proposals should continue to be developed to meet anticipated savings targets.	31.03.21	31.03.22	Work is underway to develop savings / spend to save proposals based on estimated funding positions. In line with previous years this will be firmed up once Scottish Government public sector budgets are confirmed in December and will go to the IJB for consideration and approval between Feb and March 2022.