

INVERCLYDE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE – 9 SEPTEMBER 2024

Inverclyde Integration Joint Board Audit Committee

Monday 9 September 2024 at 1.00pm

Present:

Voting Members:

David Gould (Chair)	Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS Board
Councillor Lynne Quinn (Vice Chair)	Inverclyde Council
Councillor Sandra Reynolds	Inverclyde Council

Non-Voting Members:

Diana McCrone	Staff Representative, Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS Board
Charlene Elliott	Third Sector Representative, CVS Inverclyde

Also present:

Dr Rebecca Metcalfe	Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS Board (IJB Member)
Kate Rocks	Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership
Joyce Allan	On behalf of Jonathan Hinds, Head of Children & Families and Criminal Justice Services and Chief Social Work Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership
Craig Given	Chief Finance Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership
Vicky Pollock	Legal Services Manager, Inverclyde Council
Alan Best	Interim Head of Health & Community Care, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer, Inverclyde Council
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer, Inverclyde Council
Peter MacDonald	Solicitor, Inverclyde Council
Alison Ramsey	Corporate Communications, Inverclyde Council

Chair: David Gould presided.

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock, with Councillor Quinn, Councillor Reynolds, Ms Elliott and Ms McCrone attending remotely.

18 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 18

No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.

19 Minute of Meeting of IJB Audit Committee of 24 June 2024 19

There was submitted the Minute of the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board Audit Committee of 24 June 2024.

The Minute was presented by the Chair and examined for fact, omission, accuracy and clarity.

Decided: that the Minute be agreed.

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- 20 IJB Audit Committee Rolling Annual Workplan 20**
- There was submitted a list of rolling actions arising from previous meetings of the IJB Audit Committee.
Ms McCrone joined the meeting during consideration of this item.
Decided: that the Rolling Annual Workplan be noted.
- 21 Internal Audit Annual Strategy and Plan 2024-2025 21**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership presenting the Internal Audit Annual Strategy and Plan for 2024-2025 for approval. The report was presented by Mr Given who acknowledged the participation of Ms Priestman, Chief Internal Auditor for Inverclyde Council, in completing the Plan and report.
The Chair asked how Internal Audit would address the organisational redesign work tied into the budgetary process with the Plan, and Mr Given advised that he would consult with Ms Priestman on this matter.
Decided: that the Internal Audit Annual Strategy and Plan for 2024-2025 be approved.
- 22 Status of External Audit Action Plans at 31 August 2024 22**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership on the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans at 31 August 2024. The report was presented by Mr Given and being the regular progress report advised of updates since the last meeting.
Decided: that the progress to date in relation to the implementation of external audit actions be noted.
- 23 IJB Risk Register 23**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership (1) providing an update on the status of the IJB Strategic Risk Register, and (2) appending the most recent Risk Register reviewed by officers in August 2024. The report was presented by Mr Given.
Referring to references in the Register for workforce risk, the Committee asked if it was anticipated that this risk would reduce. Ms Rocks and Mr Given replied that addressing recruitment and retention issues should see an improvement in the risk level, but this would be a long term goal and would be changed when they were able to do so.
Decided: that the content of the report be noted.
- 24 Inverclyde Integration Joint Board – Directions Update August 2024 24**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing a summary of the Directions issued by the IJB to Inverclyde Council and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde in the period March 2024 to August 2024. The report was presented by Ms Pollock.
Referring to
Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.
- 25 Improvement Action Plan: Joint Inspection of Adult Services 25**
- There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care

Partnership (1) advising the Committee of the development of an improvement action plan, a copy of which was appended to the report, following the publication of the Care Inspectorate and Healthcare Improvement Scotland report 'Joint inspection of adult services – Integration and outcomes – focus on people living with mental illness', and (2) seeking approval to submit the plan to the Care Inspectorate, which will then guide further improvement activity. The report was presented by Ms Allan.

Referring to the areas for improvement highlighted in the report, the Chair asked when the Committee would see progress, and Ms Allan advised that Mr Hinds, the Chief Social Work Officer, would bring a further report to the Committee detailing improvement actions.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposed improvement action plan be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to submission of the plan to the Care Inspectorate to enable ongoing monitoring of improvement activity.

26 Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services

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There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Inverclyde Health & Social Care Partnership providing information on ongoing budgetary spend within Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services. The report was presented by Ms Rocks.

The Committee commented that a number of posts were funded on a fixed term basis when staff wanted permanent posts, and asked if this was an issue. Ms Rocks advised that this was due to the way some funding was received on a non-recurring basis from the Scottish Government.

The Board asked if the number of vacancies within the Service impacted on service provision and if officers were lobbying on this matter. Ms Rocks advised that there was an impact but that this was being managed by officers strengthening pathways, working with the Third Sector and looking at different ways to provide services, and that the matter had been raised, and would continue to be raised, at a corporate and Board level.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.