
Report To:	Inverclyde Integration Joint Board Audit Committee	Date:	24 March 2025
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Subject:	Inverclyde Integration Joint Board – Directions Update February 2025		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board Audit Committee (IJB Audit) a summary of the Directions issued by Inverclyde Integration Joint Board (IJB) to Inverclyde Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde in the period September 2024 to February 2025.
- 1.3 A revised IJB Directions Policy and Procedure was approved by the IJB in September 2020. As part of the agreed procedure, IJB Audit has assumed responsibility for maintaining an overview of progress with the implementation of Directions, requesting a mid-year progress report and escalating key delivery issues to the IJB. This is the ninth such report and covers the period from September 2024 to February 2025.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board Audit Committee notes the content of this report.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 Directions are the means by which the IJB tells the Health Board and the Council what is to be delivered using the integrated budget, and for Inverclyde IJB to improve the quality and sustainability of care, as outlined in its Strategic Plan and in support of transformational change. A direction must be given in respect of every function that has been delegated to the IJB. Directions are a legal mechanism, the use of directions is not optional for IJBs, Health Boards or Local Authorities, it is obligatory.
- 3.2 A revised IJB Directions Policy and Procedure was approved by the IJB in [September 2020](#). As part of the agreed procedure, IJB Audit has assumed responsibility for maintaining an overview of progress with the implementation of Directions, requesting a mid-year progress report and escalating key delivery issues to the IJB. This is the ninth such report and covers the period from September 2024 to February 2025.
- 3.3 This report outlines a summary of the Directions issued by the IJB during the period in scope. The report does not provide detail of the Directions' content or commentary on their impacts, as it is considered that this level of oversight is facilitated through the normal performance scrutiny arrangements of the IJB and Inverclyde Health and Social Care Partnership.

4.0 SUMMARY OF DIRECTIONS

- 4.1 A Directions log has been established and will continue to be maintained and updated by the Council's Legal Services.
- 4.2 Between September 2024 and February 2025 (inclusive):
- the IJB has issued 5 Directions;
 - 3 of these were Directions to both the Council and Health Board; and
 - 2 were Directions to the Council only.
- 4.3 Of the 5 Directions issued by the IJB:
- 3 remain open (current); and
 - 2 have been superseded
- 4.4 The list of Directions issued by the IJB to Inverclyde Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is set out at Appendix 1 of this report. The list is split into financial years – 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.
- 4.5 As requested by the IJB Audit Committee at its meeting on 26 September 2022, Directions noted as completed or superseded in the previous financial years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 have been removed from the Directions log.
- 4.6 As part of their review of the IJB Directions Policy, Internal Audit have recommended that the IJB is provided with an annual report on the IJB's Directions. The fifth annual report will be presented to the IJB at its meeting in September 2025.

5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is proposed that the IJB Audit Committee notes the content of report and the summary of Directions issued by the IJB between September 2024 and February 2025.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial		X
Legal/Risk	X	
Human Resources		X
Strategic Plan Priorities	X	
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children and Young People		X
Clinical or Care Governance		X
National Wellbeing Outcomes		X
Environmental & Sustainability		X
Data Protection		X

6.2 Finance

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

One off Costs

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

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

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

6.3 Legal/Risk

The IJB is, in terms of Sections 26 to 28 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, required to direct Inverclyde Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to deliver services to support the delivery of the Strategic Plan.

6.4 Human Resources

There are no Human Resource implications arising from this report.

6.5 Strategic Plan Priorities

This report helps support the delivery of the key vision, priorities and approaches set out in the 2024-2027 Strategic Partnership Plan.

6.6 Equalities

There are no equality issues arising from the content of this report.

(a) Equalities

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process with the following outcome:

	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required.
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, assessed as not relevant and no EqIA is required. Provide any other relevant reasons why an EqIA is not necessary/screening statement.

(b) Equality Outcomes

How does this report address our Equality Outcomes?

Equalities Outcome	Implications
We have improved our knowledge of the local population who identify as belonging to protected groups and have a better understanding of the challenges they face.	None
Children and Young People who are at risk due to local inequalities, are identified early and supported to achieve positive health outcomes.	None
Inverclyde's most vulnerable and often excluded people are supported to be active and respected members of their community.	None
People that are New to Scotland, through resettlement or asylum, who make Inverclyde their home, feel welcomed, are safe, and able to access the HSCP services they may need.	None

(c) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty.

(d) Children and Young People

Has a Children’s Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children’s rights.

6.7 Clinical or Care Governance

There are no clinical or care governance issues within this report.

6.8 National Wellbeing Outcomes

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

6.9 Environmental/Sustainability

Summarise any environmental / climate change impacts which relate to this report.

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
X	NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented.

6.10 Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

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 CONSULTATION

8.1 The Chief Officer and the Chief Financial Officer has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None.

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26/06/2023 IJB/33/2023/AB	The Future of Care and Support at Home	Council only	Inverclyde Council is directed to implement the redesign of the Care at Home Support Service as set out in the report and within the associated budget outlined in the report, including the increase from grade 3 to grade 4 for Social Care Workers and the realignment of supervisor posts (Senior Social Care Workers).	Care at Home	As outlined in Paragraph 7.2 and Appendix 2	26-Jun-23	26-Jun-23	Jun-24	Current	No	N/A	The Future of Care and Support at Home	Head of Health and Community Care	Health and Community Care	

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27.06.20 22 IJB/31/20 22/CG	Proposed Use of IDEAS Project Surplus Funds	Council only	Inverclyde Council is directed to invest the £0.297m surplus funds provided by the IJB to: (a) support the appointment of 2 additional Money Advice posts for HSCP Advice Services; and (b) provide support to Financial Inclusion Partners to be agreed by the Financial Inclusion Partnership all as detailed in the report.	Advice Services	£0.297m as detailed in the report.	27-Jun-22	27-Jun-22	Jun-23	Current	No	N/A	IDEAS Project Surplus Funds	Head of Finance, Planning and Resources	Finance, Planning and Resources	
27.06/22 IJB/27/20 22/AM	Mental Health and Wellbeing Service	Health Board only	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is directed to develop and implement the Inverclyde Mental Health and Well-being Service (MHWS) all as detailed in the report, including the appointment of the proposed 13 additional posts as set out in paragraph 6.3.	Primary Care Services Mental Health Services - Young People, Adult and Older Adult	As detailed in the report. Indicative allocation from the Scottish Government: 2022/23 - £156,876.54 2023/24 - £313,263.86 2024/25 - £631,746.06	27-Jun-22	27-Jun-22	Jun-23	Current	No	N/A	Mental Health and Wellbeing Report	Head of MH, ADRS and Homelessness	Mental Health	
20/07/22 IJB/34/20 22/CG	Inverclyde Learning Disability Community Hub	Council only	Inverclyde Council is directed to proceed with the approved project on the basis of the alternative design set out in the report and through the intended procurement route via hub West Scotland with additional funding support of £1.117million from the IJB.	Learning Disability Day Services	£1.117million, through a combination of prudential borrowing and use of existing reserves.	20-Jul-22	20-Jul-22	26th June 2023	Current	No	N/A	Inverclyde Learning Disability Community Hub	Head of Finance, Planning and Resources Head of Health and Community Care	Learning Disabilities	
07.11.22 IJB/51/20 22/CG	HSCP Workforce Plan - 2022-2025	Both Council and Health Board	Inverclyde Council and NHS GG&C jointly are directed to implement the requirements of the Workforce Plan attached as Appendix A to the report and within the associated budget outlined in the report.	All functions outlined within the report and Appendix A.	As outlined in Appendix A.	07-Nov-22	07-Nov-22	May-23	Current	Yes Supersede	24.08.2020 IJB/54/2020/LA 21.06.2021 IJB/26/2021/AM	HSCP Workforce Plan 2022-2025	Head of Finance, Planning and Resources	Finance, Planning and Resources	
28.11.22 IJB/54/20 22/CG	Cost of Living Initiatives	Council only	Inverclyde Council is directed to: 1. Extend access to Section 12 Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and Section 22 Children (Scotland) Act 1995 budgets to Health staff employed in Health Visiting, Family Nurse Partnership, Advice Services, Community Mental Health and Occupational Therapy in the allocation of cost of living payments to Inverclyde service users assessed as in need and in line with the Standard Operating Procedure (to be developed) to a maximum value of £0.300m. This direction does not affect access to Section 12 and Section 22 funding for staff with existing access. 2. Offer and provide an initial 500 warm boxes to service users receiving a Care at Home package from HSCP and commissioned providers through the Care at	Advice Services	£0.430m as detailed in the report	28-Nov-22	28-Nov-22	May-23	Current	No		Cost of Living Proposals	Head of Finance, Planning and Resources	Finance, Planning and Resources	

23.01.23 IJB/08/20 23/AS	Proposal to Fund Final Year MSc Social Work Students to Commit to Work for Inverclyde HSCP for 3 Years	Council only	Inverclyde Council is directed to provide financial support to self funding MSc students by paying set fees for the final year of their education in order to attract new registered social workers to employment in Inverclyde HSCP for 3 years.	Children & Families Adult Services	£150,000 as detailed in the report	23-Jan-23	23-Jan-23	Jan-24	Current	No		MSc Student Funding	Chief Social Work Officer	Children & Families Community Care	
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01.11.20 21 IJB/50/2 021/AM	Advanced Clinical Practice Proposal	Health Board only	The Health Board is directed to implement a team of 6 Advanced Nurse Practitioners to work across mental health services as outlined in the report.	Mental Health Services Adult and Older Adult Inpatient Community Services	As detailed in the report. Funded from Mental Health Transformation Fund and Medical Staffing Budget	01-Nov-21	01-Nov-21	Nov-22	Current	No	N/A	Private Report	Head of MH, ADRS and Homelessness	Mental Health	
01.11.20 21 IJB/49/2 021/AM	Homeless Service - Development of Rapid Rehousing Support Provision September 2021	Council only	The Council is directed to implement the Rapid Rehousing Support Service, including the creation of an Integrated Homeless Team, with 10 additional posts, as outlined in the report in order to provide intensive, wraparound support to those with the most complex needs, often caught up in a cycle of repeat, prolonged periods of homelessness.	Homelessness Service	As detailed in the report. Funded within existing budgets including from ADP, ADRS and Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan	01-Nov-21	01-Nov-21	Nov-22	Current	No	N/A	Private Report	Head of MH, ADRS and Homelessness	Homelessness	

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17.03.20 20 IJB/17/20 20/AH	Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Recovery Development Update	Both Council and Health Board	Recruitment to a recovery post for 12 months to support the establishment of a recovery approach including commissioned services within Inverclyde and support development of recovery concepts within communities.	Alcohol & Drug Recovery Services	£825k over 3 years from Transformation Fund if future funding from Scot Govt to ADP is not confirmed	17-Mar-20	17-Mar-20		Current	No	N/A	Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Recovery Development Update	Head of MH, Addictions and Homelessness	Alcohol & Drug Recovery	
17.03.20 20 IJB/17/20 20/AH	Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Recovery Development Update	Both Council and Health Board	allocation of £825k across 3 years from the transformation fund to support the development of a commissioned community recovery hub, if future funding from the Scottish Government to Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug partnership is not confirmed.	Alcohol & Drug Recovery Services	£825k over 3 years from Transformation Fund if future funding from Scot Govt to ADP is not confirmed	17-Mar-20	17-Mar-20		Current	No	N/A	Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Recovery Development Update	Head of MH, Addictions and Homelessness	Alcohol & Drug Recovery	
17.03.20 20 IJB/32/20 20/AS	Social Care Case Management - Mini Competition	Both Council and Health Board	Inverclyde Council to oversee the procurement of a replacement Social Work Information system, subject to the Council approving £600,000 Capital funding, on top of the £243,000 agreed by the IJB through Prudential Borrowing	HSCP	£243k through IJB prudential borrowing	17-Mar-20	17-Mar-20	Updates will be brought back to the IJB regularly as the project proceeds	Current	No	N/A	Private report	Head of Strategy & Support Services	Performance & Information	Direction will be superseded by in year subsequent update reports in year
23.06.20 20 IJB/44/20 20/LL	Unscheduled Care Commissioning Plan	Both Council and Health Board	Note the requirement to implement the Unscheduled Care Commissioning Plan once finalised	HSCP	N/A	23-Jun-20	23-Jun-20	Updates will be brought back to the IJB regularly as the project proceeds	Current	No	N/A	Unscheduled Care Commissioning Plan	Head of Strategy & Support Services	Commissioning	Direction will be superseded by subsequent update reports
21.09.20 20 IJB/68/20 20/LA	HSCP Digital Strategy 2020/21	Both Council and Health Board	Inverclyde Council and NHS GG&C jointly are directed to deliver the actions within the digital investment plan for 2020/21 as outlined in the report and Appendix A. (Includes SWIFT replacement).	All functions outlined in Appendix A of the report.	As outlined in Appendix A.	21-Sep-20	21-Sep-20	Sep-21	Current	No	N/A	HSCP Digital Strategy 2020/21	Head of Strategy & Support Services	HSCP	Direction will be superseded by in year subsequent Financial Monitoring reports