



INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

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Consultation Checklist Completed	Yes
Directions Required	No
Appendices	A. Annual Report 2019-20

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to obtain Integration Joint Board approval of the Annual Performance Report (APR) for 2019-20 and its agreement that the approved report should be published and also presented to Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian for their information.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the IJB:
- Approve the Annual Performance Report 2019-20.
 - Agree that the Annual Performance Report 2019-20 should be published on the partnership's website.
 - Instruct the Chief Officer to present the approved Annual Performance Report to both Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian.



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- d) Instruct the Chief Officer to bring forward an Appendix to the Annual Performance Report containing benchmarked data on the national and MSG performance indicators when these are available to the October meeting of the IJB.

3. Summary of Key Information

- 3.1. The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 obliges the integration authority to prepare an Annual Performance Report for the previous reporting year which in this case is 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020. The performance report therefore relates to the first year of the IJB's current Strategic Plan.
- 3.2. The APR must outline a description of the extent to which the arrangements set out in this plan have achieved, or have contributed to achieving, the national health and wellbeing outcomes.
- 3.3. Neither the legislation nor accompanying guidance prescribes a specific template to be used for the APR. Each partnership can design its own format to best explain and illustrate its performance. The design of this year's report is based mainly on the very visual and easy read format used for the Strategic Plan.
- 3.4. In February 2019, the Ministerial Strategic Group (MSG) undertook a Review of Progress with Integration, which set out that Integration Authorities should improve the consistency and read across of their Annual Performance Reports. In line with this, we have previously agreed that we would report against national and MSG performance indicators in a common tabular format which allows easy benchmarking and comparisons across Scotland. The data for these indicators is collated by Public Health colleagues who cleanse, double check and verify the data prior to publishing for national use. This year, these colleagues have been diverted onto work specifically in relation to Covid-19 so have not had the time to devote to the national indicators. Although data is available it is not yet deemed robust enough and we have been advised it cannot be used for comparison purposes or publication at this time. In light of this situation, the Strategic Commissioning and Improvement Network (SCIN) subgroup



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of Health and Social Care Scotland (HSCS), has facilitated a common agreement amongst all partnerships in Scotland in relation to how APRs will look this year, and some common references that will be included. Our APR is in line with that agreement.

- 3.5.** As reported to IJB previously, regardless of the robustness of this year's data, there are doubts as to the validity of some of the National and MSG Indicators, but we are obliged to report on them. Last year we reported them in an Appendix and our intention is to do the same this year but only when we are advised that the national data is sufficiently robust for publication. The proposal is that the Annual Report as per Appendix A is published immediately upon approval and that when the national and MSG indicators are available the Appendix to the report is developed, submitted to IJB for approval and subsequently added to the published version. This is one of the reasons why we have kept the design of the report this year "in-house" as this will make it easier and more cost effective to add the appendix and re-publish at a later date.
- 3.6.** The IJB will recall that in September 2019 we undertook a Local Survey. The purpose of the local survey was to gather the views of ACHSCP patients and clients and establish a baseline for measuring delivery of the refreshed Strategic Plan. The survey will be repeated in 2022 and the two sets of results compared. Some of the questions used in the survey directly relate to the national performance indicators and we have used this information to inform the Annual Performance Report although this is only a snapshot and, at this time we cannot show trends or comparisons.
- 3.7.** Other local data and commentary has been included where relevant and this is laid out following the format of the Strategic Plan itself, detailing achievements against each of the five Strategic Aims and the five Enablers. There is also a section on Governance and our priorities for next year with space for the Appendices when they become available.
- 3.8.** The proposed Annual Performance Report for 2019/20 is contained in Appendix A.



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4. Implications for IJB

- 4.1. **Equalities** – the annual report demonstrates the positive impact health and social care services is having on people with some protected characteristics such as age, disability etc.
- 4.2. **Fairer Scotland Duty** – this report has no direct implications in relation to the Fairer Scotland Duty, it does however, demonstrate positive impacts in relation to tackling health inequalities.
- 4.3. **Financial** – There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report. All services are delivered within existing agreed budgets.
- 4.4. **Workforce** – There are no direct workforce implications arising from the recommendations of this report. All services are delivered by existing workforce under the terms and conditions of the employing organisation.
- 4.5. **Legal** – under the terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 we have a statutory obligation to publish an Annual Performance Report. Whilst, due to governance arrangements we are unable to publish within the stipulated timescale (4 months after the end of the financial year i.e. 31st July 2020), we are in a similar situation to many partnerships and there is an acceptance at government level that this is the case. If the Annual Performance Report was not to be approved and published, we would be in breach of our legal obligation which would damage the reputation of the IJB and give rise to uncertainty around its performance.
- 4.6. **Other** – none.

5. Links to ACHSCP Strategic Plan

- 5.1. The Annual Performance Report demonstrates the progress made in the first year of our refreshed Strategic Plan.



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6. Management of Risk

6.1. Identified risks(s)



There is a risk that we breach our legal obligation under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (as described at 4.5 above) and also that we are not transparent and open about our performance.

6.2. Link to risks on strategic or operational risk register:

This report links to strategic risk 5. - *There is a risk that the IJB, and the services that it directs and has operational oversight of, fail to meet both performance standards/outcomes as set by regulatory bodies and those locally determined performance standards as set by the board itself. This may result in harm or risk of harm to people.*

6.3. How might the content of this report impact or mitigate these risks:

The report gives the IJB assurance on the areas where we are performing well and highlights areas where performance could be improved allowing them to direct remedial activity where required.

Approvals	
	Sandra Macleod (Chief Officer)
	Alex Stephen (Chief Finance Officer)