



RISK, AUDIT & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

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Appendices	Appendix A - Direction Tracker 23092021

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. This report presents the Risk, Audit & Performance Committee (RAPC) with an update on Directions instructed to Aberdeen City Council (ACC) and National Health Service – Grampian (NHSG) since the previous report to the 27 April 2021 RAPC.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Risk, Audit & Performance Committee:

a) Note the contents of this report.

3. Summary of Key Information

- 3.1. As per the Roles and Responsibilities Protocol of the Integration Joint Board (IJB) and its Committees, the IJB are obliged to “to issue Directions to the Partners under sections 26 and 27 of the Public Bodies (Joint



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Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, in line with the Integration Scheme and legislative framework sitting around the CEO's of the Partners."

As agreed by Committee on 23 September 2020 a report will be presented every 6 months to provide Committee the opportunity to overview the ongoing directions.

- 3.2. The Directions Tracker, as shown at Appendix A indicates when they were submitted to the constituent organisation(s), the financial commitment, and the status of each direction. Most of the Directions issued by the IJB are to incur financial expenditure and are therefore centred around commissioning or our transformation programme.
- 3.3. The Directions Tracker is provided for review at the Chief Officer's monthly performance meeting. This ensures overview from ACC and NHSG Chief Executives and the Chair and Vice Chair of IJB. The tracker is regularly updated by the leadership team and lead officers. There are two classifications of status for a direction:
 1. Complete – represents a direction where the date has expired and the direction is either no longer required or has been superseded by a new direction,
 2. Ongoing – represents where the current direction is still valid.

4. Implications for IJB

- 4.1. **Equalities, Fairer Scotland and Health Inequality** – there are no direct implications arising from this report.
- 4.2. **Financial** – there are no direct implications arising from this report.
- 4.3. **Workforce** - there are no direct implications arising from this report.
- 4.4. **Legal** – Scottish Government guidance which provides that there should be a log kept of all Directions made - Health and Social Care Integration Statutory Guidance- Directions from Integration Authorities to Health



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Boards and Local Authorities (Jan 2020). RAPC monitoring and reviewing Directions issued ensures that the IJB is discharging this requirement.

4.5. Other – NA

5. Links to ACHSCP Strategic Plan

- 5.1.** Ensuring that the RAPC has overview of the Directions process will help ensure that the IJB achieves the strategic aims and priorities as set out in the strategic plan.

6. Management of Risk

6.1. Identified risk(s):

Good governance and ensuring that the IJB's committees are delivering on their roles and responsibilities are fundamental to the delivery of the Strategic Plan and therefore applicable to most of the risks within the Strategic Risk Register.

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



This report links to Risk 5 on the Strategic Risk Register, "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".



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

This report shows the progress which has been made in the Directions as part of our governance framework, and in the discharge of or requirements within the statutory guidance outline at paragraph 4.4 above.

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