



INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

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Consultation Checklist Completed	Yes
Directions Required	No
Appendices	Appendix A – Revised Code of Conduct

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To allow the Integration Joint Board to comment on and approve the proposed revisions to the Board's Scheme of Governance.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the IJB:

- 2.1.1. Approves the revised Code of Conduct, as outlined in Appendix A

3. Summary of Key Information

- 3.1. The IJB's Scheme of Governance has been reviewed as part of the annual review of the governance documents of the IJB. The Scheme of Governance documents were last reviewed in 2021.



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- 3.2. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year's review was conducted virtually. The IJB Chief Officer, IJB Chief Finance Officer, along with key officers from the Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership (ACHSCP), Aberdeen City Council (ACC) and NHS Grampian (NHSG); as well as the Chair and Vice Chairs of the IJB and its sub-committees were consulted as part of the review.
- 3.3. The consultees noted that the IJB's Code of Conduct required updating. Aside from this change, no other changes were identified as being required.

Code of Conduct

- 3.4. The IJB has a Code of Conduct which all IJB Members are required to follow when acting as a Board member. The IJB is required to have a Code of Conduct in place. The Scottish Government, through the Standards Commission, published Model Codes of Conduct for Devolved Public Bodies. Devolved public bodies, including the IJB, are expected to use the Model Code as the basis for their own codes of Conduct. The IJB's Code is based on the Model Code published in 2014.
- 3.5. The Scottish Government published an updated Model Code of Conduct in December 2021. This updated Model Code of Conduct substantially changed the style and wording from that used previously, while retaining the same core principles. A training seminar on the new Model Code was run for Board members earlier in 2022.
- 3.6. The substantial changes to the Model Code of Conduct are reflected in the revised IJB Code of Conduct at Appendix A. The revised IJB Code of Conduct matches the Model Code of Conduct, with the addition of an opening paragraph explaining the IJB's ethos of close and effective partnership working.

4. Implications for IJB

- 4.1. **Equalities, Fairer Scotland and Health Inequality** - There are no direct implications in relation to the IJB's duty under the Equalities Act 2010 and Fairer Scotland Duty.



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- 4.2. **Financial** - There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.
- 4.3. **Workforce** - There are no immediate workforce implications arising from this report.
- 4.4. **Legal** - There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.
- 4.5. **Covid-19** - There are no immediate implications arising from this report.
- 4.6. **Unpaid Carers** - There are no implications relating to unpaid carers in this report.
- 4.7. **Other** - There are no other immediate implications arising from this report.

5. Links to ACHSCP Strategic Plan

- 5.1. Annual reviews of the IJB's Scheme of Governance help ensure that the Board and its Committees are functioning effectively, which in turn feeds into the achievement of the ACHSCP Strategic Plan.

6. Management of Risk

6.1. Identified risk(s)

The Scheme of Governance directly impacts on IJB Governance, which in turn directly impacts on a wide array of identified risks. Good governance is an effective control against many of the risks identified on the risk register.



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

There is a risk that relationship arrangements between the IJB and its partner organisations (Aberdeen City Council & NHS Grampian) are not managed to maximise the full potential of integrated & collaborative working. This risk covers the arrangements between partner organisations in areas such as governance; corporate service; and performance.

There is a risk of reputational damage to the IJB and its partner organisations resulting from complexity of function, delegation and delivery of services across health and social care

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

The regular review of the Scheme of Governance aims to maintain the integrity of the IJB's governance system and as such will help to mitigate these risks.

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