



INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

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| Terms of Reference | 2 |

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To advise the IJB of a recent change to its voting membership, and to note the appointment of a new Vice Chairperson of the Integration Joint Board with effect from 16 October 2023.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:

- a) notes the appointment, by Aberdeen City Council, of Councillor Jennifer Bonsell as a voting member of the Integration Joint Board;



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- b) appoints Councillor Jennifer Bonsell to the Clinical and Care Governance Committee;
- c) notes the appointment, by NHS Grampian, of Hussein Patwa as Vice Chairperson of the Integration Joint Board, with effect from 16 October 2023 for a period ending on 25 April 2025;
- d) notes the appointment, by NHS Grampian, of Professor Siladitya Bhattacharya as a voting member of the Integration Joint Board; and
- e) appoints Professor Bhattacharya to the Clinical and Care Governance Committee;

3. Strategic Plan Context

- 3.1. The Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership (ACHSCP) Strategic Plan was approved by the IJB on 7 June 2022.
- 3.2. Ensuring robust and effective membership will help the ACHSCP achieve the strategic priorities as outlined in its strategic plan, as members will monitor, control and mitigate the potential risks to achieving these.

4. Summary of Key Information

Changes to Voting Members of the IJB

- 4.1. As noted in IJB standing order 2.1, the IJB has eight voting Members. Four of these Members are appointed by NHS Grampian (NHSG) and four of these Members are appointed by Aberdeen City Council (ACC). Where a voting Member resigns, a replacement is appointed by the partner organisation that appointed that Member.
- 4.2. There have been two recent resignations from the IJB. Luan Grugeon was previously appointed by NHSG and will leave on 16 October 2023. Councillor Deena Tissera was previously appointed by Aberdeen City Council and resigned with effect on 29 August 2023. Accordingly, two new voting Members will be appointed by the partner organisations.



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- 4.3. ACC has appointed Councillor Jennifer Bonsell to fill the vacant ACC position on the IJB with effect from 29 August 2023. NHSG has appointed Professor Siladitya Bhattacharya with effect from 17 October 2023.

Vice-Chairperson of the IJB

- 4.4. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the IJB are appointed directly by each of the constituent authorities. One authority will appoint the Chairperson and the other the Vice-Chairperson. These appointments last for a maximum of two years. At the end of an appointment period, the authority that appointed the Chairperson in the previous period appoints the Vice-Chairperson and the authority that appointed the Vice-Chairperson will appoint the Chairperson.
- 4.5. In the current appointment period, Aberdeen City Council is responsible for appointing the Chairperson and NHS Grampian is responsible for appointing the Vice-Chairperson. NHS Grampian appointed Luan Grugeon as Vice-Chairperson of the IJB. As noted above, Luan will resign from the IJB on 16 October 2023.
- 4.6. As such, NHS Grampian have appointed Hussein Patwa as Vice Chair of the IJB, effective from that date. This appointment will last until 25 April 2025 in order to match the appointment period of the Chair.

Committee Membership

- 4.7. At its meeting on 29 March 2016, the IJB agreed to establish two committees to support its functions. These were the Audit and Performance Systems (now Risk, Audit and Performance (RAP)) Committee and the Clinical and Care Governance (CCG) Committee.
- 4.8. As per IJB standing order 25.5, the composition of IJB committees is based on the principle of equal representation between Aberdeen City Council (ACC) and NHG Grampian (NHSG) in terms of voting membership – namely two members from each organisation. The Standing Orders also make clear that Committee members are appointed by the IJB.



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- 4.9.** With the resignation of Luan Grugeon, there will be a vacancy as Vice Chair of the IJB from 16 October 2023. It is noted that NHS Grampian has nominated Hussein Patwa to this role.
- 4.10.** With the resignation of Councillor Deena Tissera, there is a vacancy on the Clinical and Care Governance Committee. It is recommended that the IJB appoint Councillor Jennifer Bonsell to the Clinical and Care Governance Committee to fill this vacancy.
- 4.11.** With the resignation of Luan Grugeon, there will be a vacancy on the Clinical and Care Governance Committee. It is recommended that the IJB appoint Professor Bhattacharya to the Clinical and Care Governance Committee to fill this vacancy.

5. Implications for IJB

5.1. Equalities, Fairer Scotland and Health Inequality

- 5.1.1.** As per the IJB's standing orders, it is recommended that voting members from Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian be equally represented on each committee.

5.2. Financial

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.3. Workforce

There are no direct implications for the AHSCP workforce, however having members in place as per the recommendations will provide greater clarity for the organisation in terms of its governance arrangements.



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5.4. Legal

The appointment of new voting members to the IJB complies with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014. The proposals and recommendations within this report comply with the processes set out in the Aberdeen City Integration Scheme and Aberdeen City Integration Joint Board Standing Orders.

5.5. Unpaid Carers

There are no direct impacts to unpaid carers arising from the recommendations in this report.

5.6. Information Governance

There are no direct information governance implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.7. Environmental Impacts

There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.8. Sustainability

There are no direct sustainability implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. Management of Risk

[Risk Appetite Statement](#)

6.1. Identified risks(s)

Reputational Risk is high to the Integration Joint Board should appointments to IJB committees not be balanced in terms of membership. There is a risk that perspectives from both partners may not be reflected during meetings and this may have an impact on decision making and scrutiny capacity.



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

Strategic Risk Register, item 3: Failure of the IJB to function and make decisions in a timely manner.

By appointing an equal number of members to each committee the Board would adhere to provisions and principles set out in standing orders. This would mean that both committees would have members in place to capture perspectives and expertise from both partners and strengthen their capacity to hold Partnership officers to account.