



INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

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Directions Required	Yes
Exempt	No
Appendices	A. Business case B. Directions C. IIA D. Service Review
Terms of Reference	1).The IJB shall consider the following; Any other matter that the Chief Officer determines appropriate to report to the IJB.

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. This report seeks to provide the Integration Joint Board (IJB) with information to make an informed decision on the funding of grants.

2. Recommendations

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

- a) Approves the expenditure for the funding of voluntary organisations as detailed in the business case in Appendix A of this report;



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- b) Agrees to no longer provide grant funding to Scottish Care and
- c) Makes a direction in Appendix B to Aberdeen City Council and instructs the Chief Officer to issue that Direction to Aberdeen City Council.

3. Strategic Plan Context

- 3.1. The Vision and values of the Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership (ACHSCP) as detailed in the draft Strategic Plan for 2025-2029 (also on today's agenda) is to 'Empower communities to achieve fulfilling and healthy lives' which will be delivered through our values of taking a HOPE approach, Honesty, Empathy, Respect and Equity.
- 3.2. The proposed strategic aims and priorities of ACHSCP detail two strategic aims: Shifting our focus towards prevention and early intervention and modernising the approach to service delivery. These aims ensure we are working with people and communities to ensure decisions are made together and that services can be delivered to ensure that the citizens we serve have access to the right care, at the right time and in the right way.

4. Summary of Key Information

- 4.1. At the meeting of the IJB on 31 January 2023, the IJB approved grant funding for the following:
 - Third sector interface
 - Independent sector lead
 - Four counselling services
 - Transport booking service
 - Transport service
 - Service for sensory impairment

All services have been receiving rolling grant funding for several years, following approval by the IJB, the funding has been available from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2025.

A review of the counselling services was presented to the ACHSCP Strategic Commissioning and Procurement Board (SCPB) in October 2024 outlined the benefits the counselling services bring to the citizens of Aberdeen, see Appendix A, and how they support the delivery of the IJB Strategic Plan. The findings of the review are very much considered to remain relevant and aligned to the draft Strategic Plan 2025-2029.



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Transport to Healthcare Information Centre (THInC) provides a booking service for over 400 journeys to enable people who would otherwise not be able to attend health and social care appointments. This is due, mainly, to their disabilities. With a reduction in disability accessible taxis there is even more demand on the Dial-a-bus service.

ACVO's strategic aims outline their commitment to championing the voices of the third sector, building organisational resilience and promoting sustainable practices across the city. These aims are closely aligned to the refreshed Vision and values of ACHSCP as detailed in the draft Strategic Plan for 2025-2029. ACVO will be a key partner in driving the strategic priorities and ensuring that third sector are engaged at all levels of the delivery of the strategic priorities.

The money provided by IJB, over the period from April 2023 until March 2025, was to enable Scottish Care to support the further development and embedding of Integration between the independent sector and ACHSCP. This work has now concluded so the funding is no longer considered to be required. Scottish Care is a membership organisation and as such have an elected board member to represent the Aberdeen City members voices at the Scottish Care national board so the removal of this funding will not prevent members from being represented at the Scottish Care Board. This support and representation of the sector will be maintained through their membership arrangements.

5. Implications for IJB

The award of these grants will help to ensure the essential front-line services are maintained and the providers will support the ACHSCP in the delivery of the Strategic Plan for 2025 onwards.

5.1. Equalities, Fairer Scotland and Health Inequality

As with all public bodies, the IJB has duties under the Equality Act 2010. Public Bodies such as the IJB must, when making decisions of a strategic nature about how to exercise its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate conduct prohibited by the act, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations.

An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) has been completed and is attached to this report as Appendix C. There are no direct implications arising from the recommendations in this report.



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5.2. Financial

ACHSCP, like all other HSCP's are facing significant financial challenges to come in line with budget. Providers, similarly, are also facing financial challenges to remain buoyant. The approval of the grants specified in Appendix A of this report, will ensure that the services highlighted will continue for the next three years.

5.3. Workforce

There will be no direct implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

5.4. Legal

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

5.5. Unpaid Carers

There is no adverse effect for unpaid carers. If the recommendations in this report are approved, unpaid carers will continue to be supported in their role.

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 impacts.

6. Management of Risk



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6.1. Identified risks(s)

As detailed in the IJB Risk Appetite Statement, the IJB accept low risks of harm to patients/ clients or to staff. By low risks, the IJB mean it will only accept low risks to patients/ Clients or staff when the comparative risk of doing nothing is higher than the risk of intervention.

There is a risk that the service delivery is not able to meet the demand of the population and the people will have to remain on waiting lists for a period of time. ACHSCP will work with the providers to reshape the services for the future.

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

The risks identified link to the risks identified under risk 1 of the strategic risk register which detail the risks associated with Commissioned services and primary care.