



INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To advise the IJB of the recent change of appointments to its Chair and Vice Chair roles.

2. Recommendations

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

- notes the appointment, by NHS Grampian, of Hussein Patwa as Chair of the Integration Joint Board; and
- notes the appointment, by Aberdeen City Council, of Councillor John Cooke as Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board.

3. Strategic Plan Context



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- 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 Chair and Vice Chair of the IJB

- 4.1. The appointment of the Chair of the IJB is governed by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 ("the Order". Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian, as the constituent authorities, have incorporated the terms of the Order into the Integration Scheme. The IJB has also incorporated the terms of the Order into the standing orders. The process outlined in this report is in accordance with the requirements of the Order.
- 4.2. As noted in the Integration Scheme and 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).
- 4.3. The Integration Scheme and IJB Standing Order 3.1 further provide that the Chair shall be appointed by one of the constituent authorities for an appointing period not exceeding two years.
- 4.4. In keeping with the principle of equality between the two constituent authorities, the Integration Scheme and Standing Order 3.2 state that the constituent authority which does not appoint the Chair must appoint the Vice Chair for that appointing period.
- 4.5. As further noted in the Integration Scheme and in IJB Standing Order 3.3, the Chair and the Vice Chair appointment automatically in each successive appointing period.



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- 4.6.** Councillor John Cooke was appointed by Aberdeen City Council as Chair of the IJB on 25 April 2023. His two year appointment therefore ended on 25 April 2025. In accordance with Standing Order 3.3, the Vice Chair, Hussein Patwa, was appointed as Chair for a period of two years, commencing on 26 April 2025, and Councillor Cooke was appointed as Vice Chair for the same two year period.

5. Implications for IJB

5.1 Equalities, Fairer Scotland and Health Inequality

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 AH&SCP workforce, however having members in place as per the recommendations will provide greater clarity for the organisation in terms of its governance arrangements.

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



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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

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.

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.