

CÙRAM IS SLAINTE NAN EILEAN SIAR

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD



Meeting date:	20 February 2025
Item:	5.1
Title:	Review of Integration Scheme-Update
Responsible Officer:	Chief Officer
Report Author:	Chief Officer IJB / Head of Law and Governance CnES

1 Purpose

This is presented to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) for:

- Awareness

This report relates to a:

- Government policy/directive
- Legal requirement

Competence:

- There are no legal, financial or other constraints associated with the report.

2 Report summary

2.1 Situation

The Western Isles Integration Scheme was submitted to Scottish Government and approved by Scottish parliament on 21st September 2015. There is a requirement to review the scheme in line with the conditions set out in Section 44 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

The Act requires that the local authority and Health Board carry out the review.

A full review of the integration scheme has been undertaken with detailed consideration from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and NHS Western Isles. A revised Integration Scheme was considered by a special meeting of the Board on April 18 2024. The Board was unable to reach a decision on the revisions proposed at that time.

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2.2 Background

Given the requirement to review the scheme and in recognition of the context outlined regarding the impact of global pandemic and subsequent review the Board was content with the delay in the review.

The review will consider and advise on any changes required to the overall Scope, Local Governance arrangements and functions delegated in the Integration Scheme and advise on our consultation strategy. Consultation is primarily with CnES and NHW WI are not to be confused with wider public consultation which is not required.

Given the outcome of the previous review a new Integration Scheme has been drafted from the ground up, collaboratively by NHS WI and CnES. The Scheme covers the full range of requirements, namely:

1. Governance Arrangements
2. Delegation of Functions
3. Local Operational Delivery Arrangements
4. Chief Officer
5. Workforce
6. Finance
7. Participation and Engagement
8. Complaints
9. Risk management
10. Dispute resolution mechanism

2.3 Assessment

Given the feedback considered by the Board alongside opinions expressed the Board requested that the main partners undertake a further review of the Scheme as outlined in The Act.

A new Scheme of Integration is now in draft and will be progress through local governance structure and be presented to the Board at the March 2025 series. Scottish Government officials have been briefed (in line with legislation). Subject to approval by the Board the Integration Scheme will be presented to Scottish Ministers for consideration and approval.

2.3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

The report has no direct impact on quality of care (and services).

2.3.2 Workforce

No direct impact on the workforce including resources, staff health and wellbeing.

2.3.3 Financial

No financial impact

Accountants Name	Signature

Comment from the Chief Finance Officer:
No requirement for sign-off

2.3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

Strategic Risk Register defines risks to the IJB.

2.3.5 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities

State how this supports the Public Sector Equality Duty, Fairer Scotland Duty, and the Board's Equalities Outcomes.

An impact assessment has not been completed because it is not required.

2.3.6 Climate Emergency and Sustainability Development

State how this report will support or impact on the Scottish Government's policy on Global Climate Emergency and Sustainability Development DL(2021)38.

No direct impact on sustainability

2.3.7 Other impacts

Not applicable

2.3.8 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

The partner bodies' will carry out its duties to involve and engage external stakeholders where appropriate once a draft is made available

Proportionate consultation over a 6 week period.

2.3.9 Route to the Meeting

This has been previously considered by the following groups as part of its development. The groups have either supported the content, or their feedback has informed the development of the content presented in this report.

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2.4 Recommendation

Awareness – For Members' awareness re progress and indicative timeline

3 List of appendices

The following appendices are included with this report:

- None