

CÙRAM IS SLAINTE NAN EILEAN SIAR

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD



Meeting date: 19 February 2026

Item: 6.1

Title: Integration Scheme Review

Responsible Officer: Interim Chief Officer

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1 Purpose

This is presented to the Committee for:

- Decision

This report relates to a:

- Government policy/directive
- Legal requirement
- NHS Board/ LA /Integration Joint Board Strategy or Direction

Competence:

- The original Integration Scheme was due for review after 5 years. A previous consultation did not enable engagement on the matter and the requirement to review the associated documentation has produced an amended Scheme for consideration through the Integrated Corporate Management Team and the Integration Joint Board.

2 Report summary

2.1 Situation

Following an internal review assisted by Legal Services in the Comhairle, the attached Scheme at Appendix 1 is presented for consideration. Scottish Government is currently progressing regulations to extend voting rights to lived experience members of Integration Joint Boards (service users, unpaid carers and third sector representatives). This is a contentious matter and COSLA leaders have refrained from participating in the national Short Life Working Group pending a discussion at the forthcoming Leaders' meeting. The IJB Chairs and Vice Chairs network submitted their view to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee as detailed at Appendix 4.

2.2 Background

It is a legal requirement for Health and Social Care Partnerships to have an Integration Scheme in accordance with the legal duties associated with Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and to review it every 5 years. Appendix 2 is the current version of the Scheme approved by Ministers in 2016. Appendix 3 provides the detail on the delegated services to supplement the Scheme.

2.3 Assessment

The attached documentation in Appendix 1 provides a refreshed Scheme for consideration. The previous Scheme subject to the consultation and the original are also attached for reference.

2.3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

The Scheme sets out the parameters by which the Integration Joint Board will operate.

2.3.2 Workforce

Workforce matters for delegated services are included in the scope of the Scheme in relation to the role of the Chief Officer.

2.3.3 Financial

The Scheme includes the financial responsibilities and relationships relating to the Integration Joint Board and parent bodies.

Accountants Name	Signature

Comment from the Chief Finance Officer:

2.3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

The Scheme requires risk management governance to be established and maintained for the Board and delegated services.

2.3.5 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities

The proposed changes in the draft revised Scheme have no impact on operational delivery and therefore no equalities impact assessment is required,

2.3.6 Climate Emergency and Sustainability Development

N/A

2.3.8 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

Following consideration of the draft Scheme and agreement on the final draft at the Integration Joint Board, formal public consultation will be required. Timeframes for this have still to be agreed.

2.3.9 Route to the Meeting

The proposed draft scheme has been considered by the Integrated Corporate Management Team.

2.4 Recommendation

- **Decision** – Agree the revised Scheme as detailed at Appendix 1 to be subject to public consultation with the outcome to be brought back to the June meeting of the Board.

3 List of appendices

The following appendices are included with this report:

Appendix 1 – Draft Integration Scheme February 2026

Appendix 2 – Current approved Integration Scheme 2015

Appendix 3 – Annex document delegated services 2015

Appendix 4 – IJB Chairs and Vice Chairs submission to the Health and Sport Committee