

Aberdeen City Integration Scheme

Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership (ACHSCP) deliver integrated adult community health and social care services on behalf of Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian.

The services delivered include Social Work, Social Care, Community Nursing, Allied Health Professionals (such as physiotherapists, dieticians, and speech and language therapists), Primary Care Services (for example GPs, Community Pharmacy and Optometry). These services are delegated to ACHSCP from both Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian.

In addition, there are what is called 'hosting' arrangements whereby each of the health and social care partnerships in Grampian take responsibility for a Grampian wide service. In Aberdeen City we host Mental Health and Learning Disabilities (MHL), Sexual Health Services, and Specialist Older Adults and Rehabilitation Services (SOARS).

ACHSCP is governed by an Integration Joint Board (IJB) The IJB for Aberdeen City makes decisions on matters of strategy, policy and the annual budget as well as having oversight of, and obtaining assurance on, the performance of delegated services, including services that it hosts. It directs the work of ACHSCP.

The Aberdeen City Integration Scheme is required under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act (2014). It must be reviewed every 5 years at least and for Aberdeen City this must be completed by March 2023. Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian must endorse, or agree with the content of the Scheme, and Scottish Ministers must approve it. This means we need to have the revised Scheme developed before the end of the calendar year.

The legislation sets out what the Integration Scheme must contain. The full Integration Scheme is available to view as a separate document. A brief summary of the content of the sections is contained in Appendix A, and Appendix B details the changes made to the existing Integration Scheme. Although 24 changes are listed, most of these are minor clarifications and updating. The most significant additions are: -

- the inclusion of the recently approved Whistleblowing Policy,
- a more robust reflection of the joint Locality Planning Arrangements and involvement of communities,
- inclusion of Mental Health Services, and
- the addition of pharmaceutical services for under 18s (note this was an omission from earlier versions)

The lifespan of the Integration Scheme is technically to March 2028 however it is recognised that the implementation of a National Care Service and the change to Care Boards will likely take place prior to this requiring new arrangements to be put in place.

We are seeking your views on the revised Integration Scheme in advance of it being submitted for approval. **Please provide any comments to AliMacleod@aberdeencity.gov.uk by 5pm Tuesday 13th December 2022.**

Appendix A

Section	Page	Title	Description
1	4	Introduction	Introduces the Scheme, the aim of it, the parties to it and definitions of terms used
2	9	Local Governance Arrangements	Details what the IJB is expected to do
3	9	Board Governance	Confirms who sits on the IJB, who can vote etc.
4	11	Delegation of Functions	Reference to the various Annexes (see below) that detail which services are delegated from each of Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian that the IJB are responsible for.
5	13	Local Delivery Arrangements	Details the responsibilities of the IJB in terms of planning, monitoring, and reporting on the services it is responsible for.
6	15	Corporate Support Services	Confirms arrangements for the provision of relevant professional, technical, and other support from Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian to help the IJB undertake its role.
7	16	Support for Strategic Planning	This section is mainly in relation to changes service provision of non-delegated services and cross boundary provision e.g., a certain percentage of Aberdeenshire residents access GP primary care in Aberdeen City
8	17	Targets and performance Measurement	This section is about the process of setting these as opposed to what they are.
9	17-24	Clinical and Professional Governance	Focuses on arrangements for quality improvement of services and the management of clinical risk, detailing the regulation, scrutiny, and audit arrangements around service provision. There is also a section on Staff Governance (Section 9.4, page 21) and how they will be supported. Section 9.5, page 23, details the Interaction between the IJB, the Strategic Planning Group and Localities. Professional Leadership is covered (section 9.6 page 23).
10	25	Chief Officer	Details arrangements for appointment of the Chief Officer, what they are responsible for, and who they are accountable to
11	26	Workforce	Confirms that staff of ACHSCP remain employed by either Aberdeen City Council or NHS Grampian and also the requirement for a joint workforce plan.
12	27	Finance	This section details all things related to financial governance, payments, financial management, reporting, and arrangements and responsibilities in relation to capital assets.

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13	36	Participation and Engagement	This section relates to consultation undertaken for the development of the Integration Scheme but also covers communication and engagement.
14	38	Information Sharing and Confidentiality	This covers specific arrangements, practical policies and procedures, designated responsibilities and any additional requirements for information sharing
15	39	Complaints	Section details the arrangements required in respect of complaints
16	40	Claims Handling, Liability & Indemnity	Section details the arrangements required in respect of claims handling, liability & indemnity.
17	41	Risk Management	Section details the arrangements required in respect of the management of risk
18	43	Dispute Resolution	Section details the arrangements required in respect of resolving disputes
Annex 1 Part 1	44	Functions delegated by the Health Board to the Integration Joint Board	This section describes the functions delegated by the Health Board to the Integration Joint Board
Annex 1 Part 2A	51	Services currently provided by the Health Board which are to be delegated	This section provides an interpretation of the services currently provided by the Health Board which are to be delegated
Annex 1 Part 2B	52	Provision for people over the age of 18	This section describes the extent to which these are delegated
Annex 1 Part 2C	56	Provision for people under the age of 18	This section describes the extent to which these are delegated
Annex 1 Part 3	57	Services currently provided by the Health Board to those under 18 years of age, which are to be operationally devolved to the Chief Officer of the Integration Joint Board.	This section lists the services currently provided by the Health Board to those under 18 years of age, which are to be operationally devolved to the Chief Officer of the Integration Joint Board.
Annex 2 Part 1	58	Functions delegated by the Local Authority to the Integration Joint Board	This section lists the functions delegated by the Local Authority to the Integration Joint Board
Annex 2 Part 1	68	Functions, conferred by virtue of enactments, prescribed for the purposes of section 1(7) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014	This section lists the functions, conferred by virtue of enactments, prescribed for the purposes of section 1(7) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

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Annex 2 Part 1	69	Functions, conferred by virtue of enactments, prescribed for the purposes of section 1(5) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014	This section lists the functions, conferred by virtue of enactments, prescribed for the purposes of section 1(5) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014
Annex 2 Part 2	71	Services currently provided by the Local Authority which are to be integrated	This section lists the services currently provided by the Local Authority which are to be integrated
Annex 3	72	Hosted Services	This section lists the services that are currently hosted across the areas of the Grampian IJBs and offers these for consideration to the IJB as they take forward strategic planning:
Annex 4	73	services provided within hospitals which the IJB will have strategic planning responsibilities for which will continue to be operationally managed by NHS Grampian:	This section lists the services provided within hospitals which the IJB will have strategic planning responsibilities for which will continue to be operationally managed by NHS Grampian:

Page	Section	Amendment
4	2	'citizens' changed to 'residents' New values from revised Strategic Plan added
7	Definitions	Removed reference to Shadow Board and to SASPI (Scottish Accord on the Sharing of Information Dec 2011 (on advice of ACC Legal Services)
13	5	5.3 and 5.7 reworded for clarity.
15	6	Deleted references to Shadow Board (Transitional Leadership Group)
17	8	8.3/8,4 clarification of the term 'Performance Framework' used to describe the targets, measures and indicators.
20	9	9.3.5 onwards amended to reflect the role of the Risk Audit and Performance Committee and condensed.
21	9	9.4.2 now includes reference to Whistleblowing policies.
	9	9.5 amendments to include reference to Strategic Planning Group and joint Locality Planning Arrangements.
25	10	10.4 Inclusion of Chief Officer's ability to sub delegate
26	10	10.9 Inclusion of 'communities' in the list key stakeholders the Chief Officer will maintain effective working relationships with.
27	11	11.5 Amended reference to the date of the latest Workforce Plan
27	12	12.2.1 Clarification of reference to cash transfers between the Parties
28	12	12.3 Deletion of references to payments to be made in the first financial year
30	12	12.7.2 Amendment of frequency of financial information provided from monthly to quarterly and deletion of reference to further guidance being issued from the Scottish Government in relation to the timetable for the production of annual accounts.
33	12	12.8.4.2 Deletion of reference to first Financial Year
36	13	Deletion of reference at 13.1 to the joint consultation which took place in 2015 and change of tense thereafter from past to future.
38	14	14.1 Change of tense from future to past in relation to information sharing.
38	14	14.4 Deletion of references to the Joint Information Sharing Group
38	14	14.5 Deletion of the phrase "by the time functions are delegated to the IJB".
52	Part 2, Annex 1 B	Addition of reference to Mental Health Services at 7.
57	Part 2, Annex 1 C	Addition of Pharmaceutical services and additional pharmaceutical services provided under arrangements made in pursuance of sections 27 and 27A of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978(33) at 29. NB: this was an omission from the original
57	Part 3	Addition of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services at 4.
72	Annex 3	Deletion of (Royal Cornhill Hospital) after Mental Health Services
73	Annex 4 Services	Deletion of "and psychiatry of learning disability"