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## Minute of Integration Joint Board Meeting

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**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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**Time:** 2pm

**Place:** Elgin House, Ailsa Hospital, Dalmellington Road, Ayr

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### Present

Cllr Julie Dettbarn – Voting Member, Chair of IJB

Cllr Hugh Hunter – Voting Member, SAC (via surface hub)

Liam Gallacher – Voting Member, Non-Executive, NHS

Sharon Morrow – Voting Member, Non-Executive, NHS

Ewing Hope – Voting Member, Non-Executive, NHS (via surface hub)

### In Attendance

Tim Eltringham - Director of Health and Social Care, HSCP

Mark Inglis – Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Services, HSCP

Stewart Marshall – Interim Head of Community, Health and Care Services, HSCP

Gary Hoey - Chief Social Work Officer, HSCP

Lisa Duncan - Chief Finance Officer, HSCP

Louise Gibson - Lead Allied Health Professional Advisor, HSCP

Sheila Tyeson – Senior Manager, Planning and Performance, HSCP

Dr Philip Hulme – Clinical Director, HSCP

Dr Emily Broadis - Consultant in Public Health Medicine, NHS

Faye Murfet – Alcohol and Drug Partnership Lead Officer, HSCP

Sally Amor – Assistant Director for Health Improvement, NHS

Glenda Hanna – Independent Sector Representative, Scottish Care

Martin Rogan – Carers Representative, South Ayrshire Carers Gateway

Nadine McCall - Administration Assistant (minute taker), HSCP

**Cllr J Dettbarn - in the Chair**

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome/ Apologies/ Membership Updates</b></p> <p>Apologies were received on behalf of Cllr Alan Lamont, Cllr Cameron Ramsay, Frances Ewan, Christine McMenamin, Rosemary Robertson and Marie Oliver.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest to note.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Minute of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The minute of the previous meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 was held as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising/ Action Log</b></p> <p>There were none to note.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Chief Officer's Update</b></p> <p>M Inglis advised that this report provides an update to the South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board on behalf of the Chief Officer on items that do not merit a full report, but the Board may wish to note.</p> <p>M Inglis shared the report, highlighting key points.</p> <p>J Ford queried if the GP funding redirected from other current funding sources across the Health and Social Care Partnership Portfolio would have an impact in other areas.</p> <p>S Tyeson informed that she did not have this information available yet, explaining that there was still some work to do but noted that the funding will be distributed in a phased approach and will be recurring.</p> <p>Cllr H Hunter commended the outcome of the inspection of Reablement Services.</p> <p>S Tyeson highlighted that South Lodge have also had their inspection, where they received grades of 5. The report has now been published.</p> <p><b>The Board noted the content of the report.</b></p>	

<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Summary briefing from other Governance Meetings (if available/relevant)</b></p> <p>There were none to note.</p>	
<b>Items for Agreement</b>		
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Budget Monitoring 2025 – 2026 Period 6 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b></p> <p>L Duncan advised that the purpose of this report is to advise the IJB of the projected financial outturn for the financial year 2025-26 at month 6 – 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2025. The report will also provide an update on progress made against approved savings and movements on the annual approved budget for 2025-26. Request for approval on use of reserves, and requests for funding from the Improvement and Innovation reserve fund and budget virements for approval are also included.</p> <p>L Duncan informed that the projected outturn as at the end of September 2025 is an overall overspend of £0.997m, a favourable movement of £4.174m from Period 3.</p> <p>L Duncan highlighted key areas from the circulated report and welcomed any questions.</p> <p>Cllr Hunter stated that it was encouraging to see the great strides that have been made. Cllr Hunter expressed his concern in relation to the use of reserves, however understands the use of these is necessary and had been previously agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Hunter asked about the sickness absence at the Biggart Hospital, noting that he found this somewhat surprising given the closure of beds within Biggart Hospital.</p> <p>S Marshall explained that with regards to sickness absence there are multi factorial reasons as to why this fluctuates, and they continue to do what they can to support the workforce.</p> <p>A discussion ensued in relation to further steps that will be looked at in order to close the budget gap.</p> <p>M Inglis informed that they will strive to close the budget gap, however noted that if they were unable to do so, they will be able utilise funding from the Improvement and Innovation fund. The Directorate Management Team remain focused on this.</p> <p>A discussion ensued in relation to transport and the leasing and</p>	

	<p>hiring of vehicles. H Brown, Senior Manager – Reabling and Caring for People, has been working with management staff in Care at Home Teams regarding this issue of damage to cars and the financial impact of this.</p> <p><b>The Board noted the content of the report and agreed the recommendations.</b></p>	
<b>For Information to IJB</b>		
7.	<p><b>South Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership Funding Allocations 2025 – 2026</b></p> <p>F Murfet advised that the purpose of this report is to seek approval for the expenditure of funding for alcohol and drug services agreed by the Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP). F Murfet informed that the paper outlines the proposed allocations for 2025-26.</p> <p>F Murfet highlighted key areas of the report and confirmed that the allocations would continue at the 2024-25 allocation levels.</p> <p>F Murfet informed that the ADP is currently undertaking activities to refresh their strategy for beyond March 2026, the strategy will include both strategic and commissioning priorities as a key mechanism for turning the ADPs ambitions and principles into reality. The ADP strategy will be supported by a new Performance Framework, which will show the clear links between strategic outcomes and service level outcomes for ADP commissioned services, and an Implementation Plan.</p> <p>F Murfet noted that the development of the new ADP strategy is set in the context of the new national Alcohol and Drug Strategy Plan (replacing the National Drug Mission), the new ADP Partnership Delivery Framework and the new national Service Specification for Alcohol and Drug Services, all of which are anticipated for publication early in 2026.</p> <p>G Hoey thanked F Murfet on behalf of the IJB for her leadership in terms of the ADP budget and the significant work that has gone into this.</p> <p>S Amor noted that she would like to recognise the challenging area of work which F Murfet undertake.</p> <p>S Amor stated that this year, the availability of a wide range of toxic substances is having a huge impact. The risk for vulnerable</p>	

	<p>people in comprised communities is a huge challenge for Community Planning and others. S Amor emphasised the importance or recognising this work and that the challenges are not reducing.</p> <p>F Murfet informed that the ADP begins working on the projection for next year around November/ December time and presents to the IJB approval following confirmation of funding from the Scottish Government.</p> <p><b>The Board noted the content of the report.</b></p>	
8.	<p><b>Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2024 – 2025</b></p> <p>G Hoey informed that the purpose of his report is to update the IJB on the performance of Statutory Social Work Services for 2024 – 2025.</p> <p>G Hoey stated that part of his duty as Chief Social Work Officer, is to provide each year, an overview of key performance and what we are doing within South Ayrshire.</p> <p>G Hoey shared a robust presentation on screen with the Board and highlighted key areas.</p> <p><b>The Board thanked G Hoey for his update and noted the content of the report.</b></p>	
9.	<p><b>Annual Report 2024-2025 - Children and Young People's Service Plan 2023-2026</b></p> <p>M Inglis advised that the purpose of this report is to seek approval for the publication of the second annual report, sharing progress of the Children and Young People's Services Plan 2023-2026 over reporting period April 2024 to March 2025.</p> <p>The Board are asked to note the Annual 2024/2025 Children Services report and the progress being made across services to deliver on the Children Services Planning Partnership priorities.</p> <p>M Inglis noted that the report has been to the South Ayrshire Cabinet and NHS Board Meetings.</p> <p>M Inglis shared some background information as detailed within the circulated report and noted the six thematic workstreams that supports the Children and Young People's Services Plan 2023 – 2026.</p>	

	<p>M Rogan expressed his concern that the work of Carers Gateway is not being duplicated by the HSCP and the need for better coordination between Young Carers Strategy Lead Officer and Carers Gateway Staff.</p> <p>G Hoey informed that in terms of the development of the Advocacy Strategy, the Commissioning Team are trying to establish a baseline in terms of advocacy and support that is provided at present, to get more robust advocacy support and a better understanding of how people are being supported by commissioned and third sector services.</p> <p>S Tyeson explained, in terms of connectivity, C Jarman who is part of the Commissioning Team has links with Unity. S Tyeson advised that they could take this forward as a piece of work to ensure they are able to capture data, to ensure connectivity work is happening.</p> <p>M Inglis explained that if there are issues in terms of connectivity work, he would be keen for this to be highlighted, as any opportunity to work more collaboratively would always be welcomed.</p> <p>Cllr Hunter stated that he was encouraged to learn that South Ayrshire consistently recorded lowest percentage of expecting mothers currently smoking. Cllr Hunter queried whether vaping was included in this data and if there was any information available regarding the impact of vaping.</p> <p>M Inglis informed that as part of the Childrens Services Plan there are 7 – 8 actions points which relate to vaping within the Pentana Action Log. There is also a survey being undertaken at the moment across schools which should be available in March 2026 and will hopefully provide more information relating to vaping and the impact of this.</p> <p>Dr Emily Broadis notified that a Youth Vaping Task Force has been established and is currently looking at this data. There are five strategic aims to this, including one around shared learning. Dr Broadis explained that evidence is beginning to emerge now around the harms of vaping and a lot of the analysis and studies are showing that vaping is a gateway into tobacco smoking.</p> <p>Dr Broadis informed that there is also a Woman's Health and Pregnancy Wellbeing Group, looking at smoking and vaping in</p>	
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	<p>pregnancy.</p> <p><b>The Board noted the content of the report</b></p>	
10.	<p><b>Spirometry Mid-Pilot Evaluation</b></p> <p>Dr Emily Broadis shared a presentation in relation to South Ayrshire Community Spirometry Pilot.</p> <p>Dr Broadis explained that in 2024 there was no quality spirometry service in NHSAA that was accessible to all people living in South Ayrshire.</p> <p>There were often problems of delayed diagnosis, misdiagnosis of COPD, people presenting with complications of COPD at Emergency Departments as their first diagnosis and inequity of access to spirometry worsening existing health inequalities.</p> <p>Dr Broadis explained that they were keen to look at the landscape in South Ayrshire in terms of COPD by using the life coach approach and then looking at the social determinants of health for COPD.</p> <p>Dr Broadis provided an overview of the Spirometry Pathway and referral process. In terms of an overview of the pilot Dr Broadis advised that 160 tests have been completed to date and eighteen GP Practices across South Ayrshire can now refer into the Spirometry Service.</p> <p>In terms of looking at the wider social determinants, COPD is a disease predominantly of smokers and they are seeing positives of having Quit Your Way Smoking Cessation Officers attend two of the clinics to provide immediate sign posting and support for cessation.</p> <p>The feedback in relation to the service has been positive.</p> <p>Dr Broadis highlighted the key recommendations and welcomed any questions.</p> <p>Dr Philip Hulme thanked Dr Broadis and Public Health colleagues for the work they have put into this, informing a report of this detail would not have been available without them.</p> <p>T Eltringham expressed that this service is a fantastic example in terms of something for little investment overall that has had a significant impact on people's lives. T Eltringham stated that this</p>	

	<p>is a vital service that he would be keen to see continuing.</p> <p><b>The Board thanked Dr Broadis for her presentation and noted the content of the report.</b></p>	
11.	<p><b>South Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership - <i>Working together to reduce drug related deaths</i></b></p> <p>F Murfet advised that the purpose of the report is to provide members of the Integration Joint Board with an overview of the National Records Scotland Drug Related Deaths in Scotland in 2024 report, and outline actions being taken forward aimed at increasing identification and support of vulnerable people to reduce risk.</p> <p>F Murfet shared some background information and highlighted key areas from the circulated report.</p> <p>F Murfet highlighted one of the activities aimed at reducing risk, which is the implementation of Compass, the ADPs new multiagency drop-in, which aims to remove barriers and offer a safe space for individuals at high risk of alcohol or drug related harm to access a range of support.</p> <p>F Murfet noted that they are also exploring opportunities for “spokes” of the Compass model in more rural areas.</p> <p>F Murfet noted that she will bring back a thematic review in spring 2026 with more information looking at trends of suspected drug related deaths across South Ayrshire.</p> <p><b>The Board noted the content of the report.</b></p>	
<b>Items for noting:</b>		
12.	<p><b>Minutes for noting:</b></p> <p><i>Performance and Audit Committee minute – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025</i></p>	

**Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025