



## **ANGUS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE – 26 JUNE 2024**

### **DIRECTIONS UPDATE**

#### **REPORT BY ALEXANDER BERRY, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

#### **ABSTRACT**

This report provides an update on Directions issued by the IJB following the report issued to the Integration Joint Board Audit Committee in December 2023 (IJB 90/23).

#### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board (IJB) Audit Committee: -

- (i) Review the status of any current Directions issued by Angus IJB; and
- (ii) Requests a further update be prepared for the IJB Audit Committee in December 2024.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

IJBs have a legal duty to both issue Directions and monitor their effectiveness, as described in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

Directions are how the IJB action their Strategic Commissioning Plan to achieve its aims. Directions are also an important part of governance and accountability between its partner organisations. They are the legal basis by which the Health Board and the Local Authority deliver services that are under the control of the IJB.

On 26 April 2023 IJB members approved the revised Angus IJB Directions Policy and Procedure as outlined in Appendix 1 to IJB report 26/23.

Angus IJB's Audit Committee assumes responsibility for overview of progress with the implementation of Directions, receiving twice-yearly progress reports (June and December), and escalating key delivery issues to the IJB.

This report outlines a summary of current or live Directions issued by the IJB from January 2022 to April 2024 and their status. The report does not provide detail of the Directions' content or commentary on their impacts, as it is considered that this level of oversight is facilitated through the normal management arrangements of the IJB and Angus Health and Social Care Partnership.

As agreed in report IJB 90/23 Directions have been archived after they have appeared in an IJB Audit Committee report update as revoked, superseded or complete.

#### **3. CURRENT POSITION**

Appendix 1 provides an updated summary of IJB Directions. The current position or status of each Direction is shown under a "status" column using a colour coding to support this. The indicators used to consistently describe the current status have been amended to:

- Direction revoked.
- Not started (could apply to recently issued Directions).

- Direction superseded/.
- Work in progress (where the implementation of a Direction is underway but not yet complete).
- Complete (where all directed actions are complete).

The IJB have not issued any new Directions since December 2023 and the Audit Committee may wish to reflect on this.

Of the Directions included within the reporting period December 2023 and April 2024:

- One is complete.
- Two remain work in progress

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The financial implications associated with all issued Directions are set out in the original IJB reports and detailed in Appendix 1.

#### **5. RISK**

IJBs, Health Boards and Local Authorities have a legal obligation to issue and monitor the effectiveness of Directions as described by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. Failure to comply will pose legislative risks and it will be more difficult for the IJB to undertake its duties related to accountability and good governance.

Relevant additional assurance and relevant risk assessment can be found within the status of each Direction, described in Appendix 1, which provides a commentary about the progress of each Direction.

#### **6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

There are no specific equality implications from this report. Health and Social Care Partnership activities that relate to Directions and the Strategic Commission Plan are subject to individual Equality Impact Assessments.

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Appendix 1: Summary of Directions issued by the IJB within reporting period December 2023 – April 2024.

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Status Key:

Direction revoked	Not started	Direction superseded	Work in progress	Activities complete
			2	1

IJB Meeting Date & Report number	Report title	Direction Number & Issued to	Date Issued & Date Review	Functions covered by Direction	Full Text	Budget allocated by IJB to carry out direction	Review Date	Status
22.02.2023 13/23	The Gables  No link available as paper issued as exempt EXEMPT	01/23  AC	23.02.23	Residential Care for adults with a Learning Disability.	Direct Angus Council to proceed with the decommissioning of all 8 permanent beds at The Gables, Forfar and proceed to commission 8 permanent beds at 408 Beech Hill House, Forfar for adults with a learning disability. This will be supported by a comprehensive action plan and engagement plan. Governance and scrutiny will be undertaken by the Residential Care Home Review Group. The welfare of the residents will be paramount. To support residents, families, and staff, this will be approached in a planned way, taking into account their needs, and by ensuring that clear and consistent communication and engagement take place during the move. COSLA good practice guidance on the closure of a care home and the Care Inspectorate guidance and requirements in relation to registering the new care home and any transition plans for residents will be implemented.	The costs of delivering this service will be contained with budget devolved to Angus IJB. Any minor capital works required will be contained within existing, agreed capital budgets.	Feb-24	Residents moved to Beech Hill House on 27 March 2024.
21/06/2023 35/23	<a href="#">Angus Primary Care General Practice Premises Strategy</a>	03/23  NHST	21.06.23	Primary medical services provided under a general medical services contract, and arrangements for the provision of services made under section 17 C of the National Health Service Scotland act 1978, or an arrangement made in pursuance of section 2C(2) of the National Health Service Scotland Act 1978	NHS Tayside should provide the required cooperation to support the implementation of the actions in each of the identified priority areas detailed in the Angus GP Practice Premises Strategy.	The IJB's share of regional revenue budgets for General Medical Services (Property) will be committed to support this strategy. The IJB will use reserves (one off funding) to support this strategy where appropriate. There are no planned savings from this direction. NHS Tayside's commitment to the strategy will be supported through Corporate Support arrangements.	Dec-24	Work in progress at a local level with ongoing liaison with NHS Tayside.  Progress update provided within IJB Report 17/24
21/06/2023 36/23	<a href="#">Primary Care Improvement Plan</a>	04/23  NHST	21.06.23	Primary Medical Services	NHS Tayside should continue to implement the Primary Care Improvement Plan	The budget to be allocated to this direction is £4021k in relation to 23/24 expenditure.	Dec-24	Work in progress. Regular progress reports provided to SG Last update provided within IJB report 17/24.