

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

At a Hybrid Meeting of the West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board Audit and Performance Committee held in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Michelle Wailes, Lesley McDonald; NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Councillors Michelle McGinty and Martin Rooney; West Dunbartonshire Council.

Attending: Beth Culshaw, Chief Officer; Julie Slavin, Chief Financial Officer; Andi Priestman, Senior Auditor; Caleb Oguche and Mark Ramsay, External Auditors – Forvis Mazars

Also Attending: Margaret-Jane Cardno, Head of Strategy and Transformation; Sylvia Chatfield, Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Learning Disabilities; Fiona Wilson, Clinical Director; Fiona Taylor, Head of Health and Community Care; Helen Little, Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Manager; Karyn Wood, Head of HR; Lesley James, Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice, and Chief Social Work Officer; Val Tierney, Chief Nurse and Natalie Roger, Committee Officer.

Apology: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Fiona Hennebry, West Dunbartonshire Council; Libby Cairns, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; Anne MacDougall, Stakeholder Member and Heather McLaughlin, Section Head - Citizen and Regulatory.

Councillor Michelle McGinty in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR

Councillor Michelle McGinty, Chair advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet and would be available for playback.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

RECORDING OF VOTES

The Committee agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board Audit and Performance Committee held on 16 December 2025 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

ROLLING ACTION LIST

A Rolling Action List for the Committee was submitted for information and relevant updates were noted and agreed.

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT 2025/26 QUARTER THREE

A report was submitted by Margaret-Jane Cardno, Head of Strategy and Transformation, showing effective monitoring and reporting on the delivery of services and on the programme of work as set out in the new West Dunbartonshire HSCP Strategic Plan 2023-2026: Improving Lives Together.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Strategy and Transformation, the Head of HR and the Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Learning Disabilities in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) the content of the HSCP Quarterly Performance Report 2025/26 Quarter Three and performance against the Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026 by exception; and
- (2) to note that due to timing issues this report presents partial Quarter Three data. There has been a significant delay in receiving fully validated emergency admissions/bed days data from Public Health Scotland, meaning we only currently have data up to June 2025.

REGULATED COMMISSIONED SERVICES REPORT

A report was submitted by Margaret-Jane Cardno, Head of Strategy and Transformation, providing Care Inspectorate inspection activity for the period 1 December 2025 to 14 January 2026.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Health and Community Care, the Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice, and Chief Social Work Officer and Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Learning Disabilities in further

explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the content of the report.

2025/26 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AUDIT PROCESS

A report was submitted by Julie Slavin, Chief Financial Officer detailing the 2025/26 Annual Accounts Audit Process. Caleb Oguche, External Auditor - Forvis Mazars, provided an overview of their 2025/26 Annual Audit Plan for the audit of the Annual Accounts of the Integration Joint Board (IJB).

After discussion, and having heard the Chief Financial Officer in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report;
- (2) to note the contents of the draft Forvis Mazars Annual Audit Plan attached at Appendix 1; and
- (3) on any aspect of the process requiring further discussion.

INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

A report was submitted by Julie Slavin, Chief Financial Officer. Andi Priestman, Senior Auditor, provided an update on the performance of Internal Audit and an overview of the HSCP Board's overall control environment.

After discussion and having heard the Senior Auditor and Head of HR in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the progress made in relation to the Internal Audit Annual Plan for 2025/26.

CLINICAL AND CARE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

A report was submitted by Val Tierney, Chief Nurse, providing an update on progress in oversight, assurance, and improvements regarding the quality of health and social care.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer, the Chief Nurse, the Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Manager, the Clinical Director, the Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice, and Chief Social Work Officer and the Head of Mental Health, Addictions and Learning Disabilities in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress related to strengthening oversight, assurance of care quality, and related improvement efforts; and
- (1) to note the update on risks previously escalated to the NHSGGC Primary Care Clinical Governance Forum for consideration of board wide assessment

of potential additional risk mitigation strategies. These relate to Speech and Language Therapy and the Interpreting Service.

The meeting closed at 3.05 p.m.