



REPORT TO: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD –
11TH DECEMBER 2024

REPORT ON: PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIR'S ASSURANCE REPORT

REPORT BY: CHAIR, PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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This assurance report relates to the meeting of the Performance and Audit Committee (PAC) of the 20th November 2024.

Issues to highlight to the Board

- Committee welcome Elaine Torrance, Independent Convenor of Dundee Adults at Risk Committee / Independent Chair of Dundee Children at Risk Committee to present the Protecting People Annual Report 2023-2024. Committee commented on the report being well-written and easy to read. Members noted the progress made in developing an effective partnership response to the needs of at-risk children and adults during 23/24.
- Audited Annual Accounts for 2023/24 and Auditors Annual Report were presented, and committee welcomed Rachel Browne from Audit Scotland who confirmed an Unmodified Opinion on the Annual Accounts. The Annual Accounts document was circulated separately and approved remotely by PAC members. Committee acknowledged the work undertaken by HSCP staff and Audit Scotland to complete the Accounts and Audit report.
- Committee welcomed Peter Allan, Community Planning Manager with Dundee City Council, who presented the Annual Report for 2023/24 on City Plan for Dundee 2022-2032. Subsequent conversations included discussion about return to work and employability support for individuals in the city, including school-leavers moving towards economically-active destinations.
- The Health and Social Care Partnership's quarter 1 (2024-25) Performance Report was presented and scrutinised by the Committee, with key analytical messages highlighted. Committee members had a range of questions for officers in terms of the information presented, but this was supported following the recent development session to assist members understand the background work and analysis undertaken when preparing the report.
- The Clinical, Care and Professional Governance Assurance report was presented to the Committee. Clinical and operational risks in DDARS, Dietetics, Learning Disabilities and Psychological Therapies were noted. The Committee was given satisfactory responses to the questions posed. The Committee was content with the Reasonable level of assurance of clinical and care governance arrangements in place that the report provided.
- The Health and Social Care Partnership's quarter 2 (2024/25) Feedback Report was presented and scrutinised by the Committee. The report highlighted a continuing trend of relatively low number of complaints in both health and social care services, along with progress towards completing and closing these within timescales.
- The IJB's Strategic Risk Register Update report highlighted 6 risks with a High-Risk Category score (at 20 or 25). These are Staff Resource, Lack of Capital Investment in H&SC Integrated Community Facilities (including Primary Care), Unable to Maintain IJB Spend, National Care Service, Restrictions on Public Spending, and Primary Care Sustainability. Committee also noted a new Strategic Risk relating to Information Governance has been added, and 3 risks have been archived as these are now considered to be operational risks.

- Committee welcomed Glyn Lloyd, Chief Social Work Officer who presented the Chief Social Work Officer report 2023/24. Committee noted the work undertaken to support children and young people, adults and older people and those supported through the community justice system. Committee also acknowledged much of the work undertaken during this period was under the leadership of the previous Chief Social Work Officer who retired in February, and paid tribute to her leadership.

- An updating report on the Governance Action Plan progress was presented detailing the list of outstanding recommendations – 17 of which have now been marked as complete and a further 7 have been abandoned as either no longer relevant or unachievable with current systems and resources. The remaining 29 remain outstanding, with 25 demonstrating some level of progress.

- The Committee tracked progress of the Internal Audit Plan, noting that most planned work has a green RAG status with work on the outstanding Workforce now commencing. No additional reports undertaken on behalf of Partner bodies were included with this report.

Bob Benson
Chair

20 November 2024