



**REPORT TO: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD -  
22 FEBRUARY 2023**

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

**REPORT BY: CHAIR, PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO: DIJB8-2023**

This assurance report relates to the meeting of the Performance and Audit Committee (PAC) of the 1st February 2023.

Instructions Issued by the Committee

- The Committee instructed the Chief Officer to provide a progress report on the actions identified in the Tayside wide Internal Report on the Sustainability of Primary Care.

**Issues to highlight to the Board**

- Richard Smith and Mary O'Connor from the new External Audit Team from Audit Scotland were introduced to the Committee by the Chief Finance Officer. The appointment is for a period of 5 years and in addition to the provision of the annual external audit report and audit opinion on the annual accounts, the team will provide advice and guidance on governance issues as appropriate and will attend IJB and PAC meetings throughout the year. The Committee welcomed the appointment of the team.
- With Mental Health Services being such a key issue for the IJB, a report was presented to agree a suite of specific mental health performance indicators which would be reported on a 6-monthly basis to the PAC. These indicators will cover a range of specialisms and services within mental health service provision such as the Community Mental Health Team, Mental Health Officer Team and Discharge Management. The Committee was content that the comprehensive coverage of the indicators would enhance their understanding of mental health services performance.
- The Health and Social Care Partnership's quarter 2 (2022/23) Performance Report was presented to the Committee. This included a summary from a report by Public Health Scotland of the number of people waiting for social care assessment and care at home packages and associated hours of care assessed but still to be provided. These illustrate the challenges the partnership is facing particularly around delayed discharges. While the figures were a comparison from October to November 2022, there was a slight improvement in the number of people assessed and waiting for a care at home package in addition to a reduction in the number of hours required but not provided for those already in receipt of a care package. However, there was an increase in the number of people in the community waiting for a social care assessment.
- The Clinical Care and Professional Governance Assurance report was presented to the Committee which as ever provided many questions and discussion given the comprehensive overview of services including risks associated with service delivery. The report provided a reasonable level of assurance of clinical and care governance arrangements in place.

- The regular Strategic Risk Register update was provided to the Committee. This noted a steady position in relation to risk levels. The next stage of development for the IJB will be a session on setting risk appetite. A number of more recently appointed committee members asked for a recap of risk management as part of that session to support their development.
- The Committee tracked progress of both the Internal Audit Plan and the Governance Action Plan with reports on both of these presented to the meeting. The Chief Finance Officer noted a range of older actions were still on the Governance Action Plan and work was continuing to complete these before the next meeting.
- The Chief Internal Auditor introduced the Internal Audit Report on the Sustainability of Primary Care in Tayside which was commissioned by Angus and Perth and Kinross IJBs alongside NHS Tayside and explained that given the nature of the review and implications of the findings, it was important to present the report to Dundee Performance and Audit Committee in detail. There are a number of substantial recommendations in the report which provided Limited Assurance of the system of governance in place. The Committee was provided with assurance that a number of the identified actions in response to the findings were already being developed both on a Tayside wide and localised Dundee basis. The Chief Officer has been instructed to bring a progress report to the Committee by September 2023.

**Ken Lynn  
Chair**

**13 February 2023**