



Dumfries and Galloway  
Integration Joint Board

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This Report relates to  
Item 4 on the Agenda

# Review of the Integration Scheme

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*For Noting*

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<b>List of Background Papers:</b>	<a href="http://dghscp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Integration-Scheme.pdf">http://dghscp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Integration-Scheme.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/321/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/321/made</a>
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Email from Scottish Government</b>

<b>Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both</b>	<b>Direction to:</b>	
	1. No Direction Required	X
	2. Dumfries and Galloway Council	
	3. NHS Dumfries and Galloway	
	4. Dumfries and Galloway Council and NHS Dumfries and Galloway	

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Dumfries and Galloway Integration Scheme was approved by Scottish Ministers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015. This report is presented to inform the IJB of the legal requirements on both Dumfries and Galloway Council and NHS Dumfries and Galloway to prepare a successor Integration Scheme in line with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.
- 1.2 However in March 2020 Scottish Government informed Chief Officers of Integration Authorities, Chief Executives of NHS Boards and Chief Executives of Local Authorities that they did not require a successor Integration Scheme due to the ongoing CoVID 19 response but that NHS Boards and Local Authorities should carry out a minimum requirement of a review of the current Integration Scheme.

## **2. Recommendations**

### **2.1 The Integration Joint Board is asked to note:**

- **That in line with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council require to review the Integration Scheme for approval by Scottish Government on or before the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020**
- **The correspondence received from Scottish Government in March 2020**
- **That the Chair will write to the Chief Executives of the Local Authority and the NHS Board to advise them of the timescales for completion of a review of the Dumfries and Galloway Integration Scheme**

## **3. Background and Main Report**

- 3.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, (the Act) outlines that there is a statutory duty to prepare an Integration Scheme which sets out which integration model is to apply, the functions to be delegated from each organisation and the financial arrangements and payments for these functions.
- 3.2 Following approval of the original Integration Scheme between NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council by Scottish Parliament on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015, the Integration Joint Board became a legal entity in its own right.
- 3.3 Section 44 (5) of the Act stipulates that the Local Authority and Health Board must carry out a review of the scheme before the expiry of the relevant period, which for Dumfries and Galloway is the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.
- 3.4 In March 2020, the Scottish Government wrote to the Chief Officers of all Integration Authorities, NHS Board Chief Executives and Local Authority Chief Executives to advise that due to local health and social care systems planning their response to the CoVID 19 situation, and in view of announcements made by the First Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport on the stringent new measure now in force throughout the UK to slow the impact of the virus, they do not expect work to continue on developing successor schemes. For clarity, the Act does not require the Health Board and Local Authority to produce a successor scheme, it requires a review. Full content of the email from Scottish Government is attached at **Appendix 1**

<b>4.</b>	<b>Conclusions</b>				
4.1	NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council are required to undertake the minimum requirement of a review of the existing Integration Scheme for Dumfries and Galloway.				
<b>5.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>				
5.1	There are no resource implications identified in this Paper.				
<b>6.</b>	<b>Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy</b>				
6.1	Not applicable as the review must be completed by NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council.				
<b>7.</b>	<b>Legal and Risk Implications</b>				
7.1	The Integration Scheme is a legal requirement of each Integration Authority in line with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.				
<b>8.</b>	<b>Consultation</b>				
8.1	The Chief Officer and the Head of Strategic Planning were consulted on in completion of this Report.				
<b>9.</b>	<b>Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment</b>				
9.1	This is not required at this time.				
<b>10.</b>	<b>Glossary</b>				
10.1	All acronyms must be set out in full the first time they appear in a paper with the acronym following in brackets.				
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## Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board



### DIRECTION

**(ISSUED UNDER SECTIONS 26-28 OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014)**

1.	Title of Direction and Reference Number	
2.	Date Direction Issued by Integration Joint Board	
3.	Date from which Direction takes effect	
4.	Direction to	
5.	Does this direction supersede, amend or cancel a previous Direction? If yes, include the reference number(s)	
6.	Functions covered by Direction	
7.	Full text of Direction	
8.	Budget allocated by Integration Joint Board to carry out Direction	
9.	Desired Outcomes	
10.	Performance Monitoring Arrangements	
11.	Date Direction will be Reviewed	

## Appendix 1

To: Chief Officers Integration Authorities  
NHS Board Chief Executives  
Local Authority Chief Executives

Dear Colleagues

As part of the work for establishing local arrangements for integration, the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 required each Health Board and corresponding Local Authority to jointly prepare an Integration Scheme that set out which integration model was to apply, the functions to be delegated, and the financial arrangements and payments for the functions.

The legislation also requires the Local Authority and Health Board to review the Integration Scheme before the expiry date, which is five years after the scheme was approved in parliament. This means that many Integration Schemes are currently due for review.

Given the current work across local health and social care systems to plan their response to Covid -19, and in view of announcements made by the First Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport on the stringent new measures now in force throughout the UK to slow the impact of the virus, please note that we do not expect you to continue work on developing successor schemes.

For absolute clarity, the Act does not require the Health Board and Local Authority to produce a successor scheme, it requires a *review*. You should therefore ensure that you jointly carry out the minimum requirement of a review, which most of you have already undertaken, and that this is acknowledged jointly and formally. This review can note anything that requires further work between the partners and set out plans for the completion of that work at a later date, once the current very challenging situation passes, including the production of a successor scheme. Meantime, the current Integration Scheme will remain in force.

Many thanks

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