



Dumfries and Galloway
Integration Joint Board
Audit Risk and Governance Committee

**Minute of Dumfries and Galloway
Integration Joint Board Audit, Risk and
Governance Committee meeting held on
24th June 2025**

For Approval

Minute of the Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board Transformation and Innovation / Futures Committee held on Tuesday 24th June 2025 at 2pm via Microsoft Teams

Voting Members Present:

Greg Black	(GB)	NHS Voting Member (Chair)
Ian Carruthers	(IC)	Local Authority Voting Member
Kim Dams	(KD)	NHS Voting Member

Advisory Members Present:

Greycy Bell	(GBe)	Registered Medical Practitioner
Mark Kelly	(MK)	Director of Nursing, NHS D&G
Katy Kerr	(KK)	Chief Finance Officer
Gordon McAllister	(GMc)	Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland
Amber Murray	(AM)	EA to Chief Officer / Admin Support
Julie Watters	(JW)	Chief Internal Auditor

Supporting Present:

Glenn Moonie	(GM)	Finance Officer (<i>for the Integration Joint Board</i>), D&G Council
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Apologies:

Kirsty Bell	(KB)	Programme Manager
Nicole Hamlet	(NH)	Interim Chief Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted as above.

2. Declaration(s) of Interest

No declarations of interest were noted.

3. Minutes from 25th February 2025

These notes were approved as an accurate record.

4. Action Plan / Rolling Agenda Matrix

All Actions were discussed and AM will continue to update accordingly.

5. Scheme of Delegation to Committees and Officers

KK presented the proposed revision to the Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board Scheme of Delegation which is attached with the report. It reflects a proposed new committee structure for the Integration Joint Board.

Workshop was held at the IJB on the 3rd June 2025 where conversations were had in terms of the Committee Structure, and KB is working at pulling together this Governance Review, and this is been brought to this committee prior to it going back into the IJB formal meeting.

Within the section of the paper it sets out the areas of consideration, aim is to reduce the number of committees from four to two and review the business which is undertaken through those committees.

KD mentioned in terms of the Membership, the IJB Audit, Risk and Governance Committee must not be chaired by either the IJB Chair / IJB Vice Chair and can this be written as part of the recommendation. Also, KD / IC mentioned in terms of the 4 official Members, the committees should be opened up to the full Voting Members which should support quoracy.

Action: KB

KK confirmed the IJB Audit, Risk and Governance Committee role is clear, and the other committee would deal mainly around the financial discussions related to the annual accounts process.

A session was had on Monday 23rd June with both NHS / Local Authority in terms of the Integration Scheme and the Membership in terms of Local Authority Governance are being reviewed. IC mentioned the council always supported having 5 IJB Members, but this is due to be discussed in the additional Full Council on 26th June 2025.

IC asked in terms of the Transformation remit of working together, IC will pick this up in September at the IJB. KD mentioned that previously a discussion was at that Transformation could be picked up within a workshop session rather than a committee forum, focus will not be lost.

Decision (s)

Committee Members:

- **Noted the revised committee structure for the Integration Joint Board**
- **Gave recommendation to the IJB to approve the revised Scheme of Delegation**

6. Chief Internal Auditor Quarterly Update – June 2025

JW mentioned this report provides an update to the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee on internal audit activity relevant to the Integration Joint Board. Internal audit assurance is derived from the work carried out within NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council, the host bodies responsible for delivering the operational services delegated to them by the IJB.

This update is intended to support the Committee in discharging its responsibilities for governance, risk management, and internal control and is part of the IJB and Health and Social Care Partnership's overall governance and risk management processes.

Most recently Annual Reports have been presented to the committees for the year and will be brought back in September, and assurances will be highlighted within the report and will include any risks.

Data Sharing Audit is being scoped out, but is linking with N Hamlet regarding potential risks across the Partnership.

GB as Interim Chair today is supportive of the conversations between the respective Chairs of Audit committees across the NHS, Council and IJB.

IC asked in terms of the Local Authority Audit Risk and Scrutiny was there any specific requests. JW confirmed Data Sharing is still one of the concerns and is still ongoing but conversations are being had, JW is due to meet with K Bell tomorrow regarding this.

KK highlighted within the meetings that are being held around the Savings within NHS / Local Authority and again the Data Sharing was identified as one of the challenges and potential barriers to progressing some work and at the moment members within this group are mapping this approach out.

KD agreed with the discussion and mentioned this is wider than just data sharing. KD asked for a piece of work to be undertaken into looking into each patient right at the beginning of their journey.

Members agreed and requested for a review in terms of the Data Sharing Direction, AM will link with KB out-with to arrange this.

Action: AM / KB

KK also agreed to review the Risk Register and provide an update back to the next committee.

Action: KB

Decision (s)

Committee Members:

- **Noted this update on Internal Audit work for 2024/25.**

7. External Audit Update

GMc confirmed he is linking with GM in terms of the ongoing Audit, NHS Audit has been completed and will be prioritised when the Local Authority Audit begin, formal update in September committee.

KK agreed that GM will be the point of contact in Interim, and has been linking with Paul Garrett and Susan Thompson in terms of any strategic queries within the Audit until such time as a new Chief Finance Officer is appointed..

8. Draft IJB Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25

KK updated this report presents the Integration Joint Board Draft Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year 2024/25. KK thanked GM for his support in drafting this report.

Additional funding has been received from both the NHS Board and the Local Authority to support the year end overspend in line with the Integration Scheme.

IJB Accounts will be published and also a Communication will go out on Social Media, KK will link with Rod Edgar, and consultation will then begin.

GB asked in terms of the actions highlighted should further detail be included, mainly around the ADP, KK will expand on this in the final draft of the accounts.

Decision (s)

Committee Members:

- **Approved the submission of the unaudited Draft Annual Accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2025 which will be submitted to the external auditors for review and are subject to public consultation.**

9. Any Other Business

Members wished Katy Kerr all the best in her retirement which is due to start next week and thanked KK for all the support over the years and Chief Finance Officer / Director of Finance.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee will be on Tuesday 16th September 2025, 2.00pm – 4.00pm via Microsoft Teams