



**Dumfries and Galloway
Integration Joint Board
Finance, Performance and Quality Committee**

Minute from Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 2pm

For Approval

**Minute of the Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board (IJB) Finance,
Performance and Quality Committee held on Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 2pm via
Microsoft Teams**

Voting Members Present:

Kim Dams	(KD)	(Chair) NHS Voting Member
Ian Carruthers	(IC)	(Vice Chair) Local Authority Voting Member
Gwilym Gibbons	(GG)	NHS Voting Member

Advisory Members:

Kirsty Bell	(KB)	Programme Manager
David Rowland	(DR)	Director of Strategic Planning and Transformation
Alan Webb	(AW)	Third Sector Representative

Supporting Members:

Dee Davidson	(DD)	Lead Nurse, Care Home Tactical Team
Gareth Marr	(GM)	Deputy Chief Officer / Chief Operating Officer
Angie Marshall	(AMa)	Director of Midwifery
Steph Mottram	(SM)	General Manager - Community Health and Social Care
Amber Murray	(AM)	EA to Chief Officer / Chief Operating Officer

Observers:

Mathew Crosby	(MC)	Interim Chief Finance Officer - observing
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Apologies:

Nicole Hamlet	(NH)	Interim Chief Officer / Chief Operating Officer
Fiona Kane	(FK)	Scottish Care Representative
Stephen Morgan	(SM)	Chief Social Work Officer
Andy McFarlane	(AMcF)	Local Authority Voting Member
Julie Watters	(JW)	Chief Internal Auditor

1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

Apologies noted as per above.

KB will pick up a discussion offline with Social Work in terms of representation on this committee, and will feedback to members.

Action: KB

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Interest were noted.

3. Action Plan / Rolling Agenda Matrix

Action Plan and Rolling Agenda were noted and will continue to be updated.

Finance

4. Social Work Savings Plan 2025 / 2026

GM provided a detailed overview of the projected £11.7 million overspend in the Social Care delegated budget and outlined plans to bring the budget into balance.

Key areas of focus include:

- High-cost care packages with a target of £9.3 million in savings.
- Use of digital solutions such as Carers App to reduce overnight care needs.
- Review of interim placements and potential charges for long-term occupancy.
- Potential closure of Mountainhall Treatment Centre with a projected saving of £207,000.
- Restrictive approval processes for care packages over £40,000.
- Engagement with frontline teams and a communications strategy to manage public expectations.

Committee members raised concerns about the impact on vulnerable individuals, the sustainability of Third Sector services, and the need for integrated budget oversight.

GM acknowledged these concerns and committed to further engagement and review, which will come back to the IJB in September part of this committee update.

Action: GM

Decision,

The Integration Joint Board Finance, Performance and Quality Committee noted:

- **There is a projected overspend on the delegated services which are funded by the local authority of £12.4 million for FY 2025/2026.**
- **The provision of direct care accounts for approximately £9.4 million of the overspend.**

- **There is a robust savings plan in place to deliver on the savings required to reduce this overspend and endeavour to deliver a balanced budget position at the end of the financial year.**

Performance

5. Direction Performance Update

a) Flexible Beds

SM / DD joined and provided an oversight highlighting the important parts of the presentation shared within the papers.

Key points:

- 22 flexible beds commissioned across the region with plans for 31.
- Beds are used for step-up, step-down, and respite care, not as hospital replacements.
- Positive feedback from service users and care homes.
- Ongoing review of the model's effectiveness and financial viability.

Decision,

The Integration Joint Board Finance, Performance and Quality Committee:

- **Noted progress to date, on the implementation of the 22 Flexible Beds in D&G Care Homes**
- **Reviewed the impact of Flexible Beds**
- **Noted the ongoing challenges in relation to financial landscape and future commissioning of beds**

b) Maternity

On 24th September 2024, the Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board made the decision not to reintroduce a birthing service within the Galloway Community Hospital in Stranraer, choosing instead to maintain the current model of care (*Option 1*), which provides antenatal and postnatal services via the Community Maternity Hub and limited support for home births, but no provision for planned intrapartum care locally.

A Direction was then sent to NHS Dumfries and Galloway to maintain the current model of care (*Appendix 1*).

This paper is following the agreement to review the Direction and to provide assurance of the safe delivery of the Maternity Direction which will subsequently be tabled for assurance to the Integration Joint Board in September 2025.

AMa confirmed a further update will come which will also include the updated EQIA, also highlighted to members:

- 692 births across the region from September 2024 to June 2025.

- Low rates of births before arrival and no home birth requests in Wigtownshire.
- Stable workforce and effective on-call model.

Decision,

The Integration Joint Board Finance, Performance and Quality Committee:

- **Took assurance of the safe delivery of the Maternity Direction from the detail within the main report following the decision made by the Integration Joint Board in September 2024.**

6. Strategy Update

KB confirmed a written update is due to be presented at the IJB Strategic Planning, Delivery & Commissioning Committee on the 22nd July, where she has submitted a paper, mainly in regards to the Local Cancer Strategy and Palliative Care Strategy being aligned to the National Developments.

7. Remote and Rural Update

DR mentioned progress has been delayed due to different Board views and changed in Scottish Government, and a further update will come back in the future.

8. Any Other Business

No AOCB was noted.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee will be on Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 2pm – 4pm via Microsoft Teams