

Dumfries and Galloway
Integration Joint Board

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This Report relates to
Item 8b on the Agenda

IJB Finance, Performance and Quality Committee Update

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For Noting

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Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Draft Minutes of IJB FP&Q Committee 8 th July 2025

Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both	Title		Reference Number
	Direction to:		
	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		

<p>1.</p> <p>1.1</p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p>This report provides an update on the activity of the IJB's Finance, Performance and Quality Committee which met on 8th July 2025, draft notes also attached as Appendix 1.</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>2.1</p>	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Integrated Joint Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the update on the meeting of the Finance, Performance and Quality Committee and the draft minutes from its meeting on 8th July 2025 (Appendix 1)
	<p>3. Background and Main Report</p> <p>The IJB Finance, Performance and Quality Committee met on 7th July 2025. The topics discussed were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work Savings Plan 2025 / 2026 - a detailed overview of the projected £11.7 million overspends in the Social Care delegated budget and outlined plans to bring the budget into balance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noted the overspend on the delegated services which are funded by LA of £12.4 million ○ Noting focussed workshop has taken place today with key outcomes. • Directions update on two key items: • Flexible Bed Update (Direction IJBD2302) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In September 2023, the IJB directed the commissioning of 31 Flexible Beds to support older people needing short-term care in a homely setting. ○ Budget approval was granted in April 2024. ○ 26 non-specialist care homes were invited to express interest; 5 specialist homes were excluded due to their focus on complex care. ○ A professional panel evaluated submissions, resulting in 22 beds commissioned between October 2024 and June 2025. ○ Commissioning paused at 22 beds due to financial pressures. <p>In summary, the Flexible Bed model is gaining momentum where the evidence supports hospital discharge, carer respite, and admission avoidance. Care homes are supportive and interested in further commissioning. However, full commissioning of 31 beds remains challenging due to financial constraints.</p> <p>Noting the Committee papers are available on the Partnership website for reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternity Update (Direction IJBD2402) <p>An update was provided to the Committee on the assurance of the implementation of the Maternity Direction issued in September 2024, which confirmed the decision to retain the current model of care within Wigtownshire, which includes:</p>

- Antenatal and postnatal services via the Oak Tree Family Centre, Stranraer.
- Support for home births within the region.
- No provision for planned intrapartum care at Galloway Community Hospital.

This decision followed a comprehensive public consultation and engagement process (20 Nov 2023 – 12 Feb 2024), which included:

- Two service options (option 1 and option 2) presented to the public.
- In-person events, surveys, and stakeholder engagement.
- Independent oversight by NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

At that time, the IJB concluded that the current model is the most deliverable and sustainable, based on clinical safety, staffing availability, and national guidance and adherence to best value.

In the west of the region, maternity services have been enhanced with the provision of local ultrasound scanning and consultant obstetrician clinics, significantly reducing the need for travel during pregnancy.

Maternity Activity Data (Sept 2024 – June 2025) following the IJB decision:

Total births in D&G: 692

- West (Wigtown & Stewartry): 191
- East (Nithsdale, Annandale & Eskdale): 501

Birth Before Arrival (BBA) Rates:

- West: 0.5%
- East: 1%

Homebirth Rate:

- Regional: 0.6%
- Wigtownshire: 0 requests

Conclusion from the Committee given the level of assurance provided at Committee level (and Committee paper in on the Partnership website for reference):

- Option 1 continues to be the most viable and safe model for Wigtownshire.
- Ongoing monitoring and escalation processes are in place at an operational level.
- Workforce sustainability remains a challenge but is being actively managed.

Impact and Compliance

- Aligns with National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes and Strategic Commissioning Intentions.
- A refreshed Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EQIA) has been completed.
- Collaboration with the Scottish Perinatal Network ensures a national approach to safety and equity.

- **Remote and Rural Presentation by Director of Strategic Planning and Commissioning**

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 The Finance, Performance and Quality Committee continues to operate in accordance with the IJB's scheme of delegation.

5. Resource Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications identified within this paper.

6. Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy

- 6.1 The Financial Plan has a key role in supporting the delivery of the Strategic Plan.
- 6.2 The monitoring of directions ensures that the actions taken are in line with the strategic aims of the Board and are being progressed appropriately.
- 6.3 The contracts monitoring report provides reassurance that third sector partners are supported to deliver against the relevant directions.

7. Legal and Risk Implications

- 7.1 None identified.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 Consultation with Finance, Performance and Quality Committee members.

9. Equality Impact Assessment

- 9.1 The content of this Report has taken into consideration the Equality Act 2010 and complies with the duties set out in Section 149 and does not require an EQIA to be undertaken.

10. Glossary

EQIA	Equalities Impact Assessment
IJB	Integration Joint Board
HSCPs	Health and Social Care Partnerships
LA	Local Authority