



Dumfries and Galloway
Integration Joint Board

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This Report relates to
Item 7 on the Agenda

Dumfries and Galloway Integration Scheme Revisions

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For Noting

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List of Background Papers:	4 th March 2025 – Dumfries and Galloway Integration Scheme (the Integration Scheme), Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board (IJB) Workshop 3 rd June 2025, IJB Paper
Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Integration Scheme with Tracked Revisions

Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both		
	Title	Reference Number
	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>1.2</p> <p>1.3</p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p>On the 9th September 2024, the Chief Executive and the Interim Chair of NHS Dumfries and Galloway wrote to the Council Chief Executive requesting a review of the Integration Scheme, in accordance with section 45 (2) of The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.</p> <p>Accordingly, Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board and Dumfries and Galloway Council, <i>(each a ‘Party’ to the Integration Scheme, together, ‘the Parties’)</i>, undertook a joint review of the Integration Scheme.</p> <p>The purpose of this paper is to keep IJB members informed and updated with regard to the progress of this Integration Scheme review process and its outcomes.</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>2.1</p>	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Integration Joint Board is asked to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the Integration Scheme agreed by the Council on 2nd October and the NHS Board on 6th October • Draft revisions to the Integration Scheme reflecting agreed changes (see appendix) • Review of the Integration Scheme is now completed at a local level and that the review will be fully completed upon receipt of Scottish Ministers approval of the Integration Scheme • Submission of the Integration Scheme to Scottish Ministers for approval • Anticipated ‘go live’ date of 1st April 2026 for the new Integration Scheme • Requirement for a ‘set aside’ budget to be developed and established for delegated health services provided in large hospitals (as stated in ‘The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Health Board Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2014’).
<p>3.</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p>	<p>Background and Main Report</p> <p>The rationale and reasons the NHS Board sought this joint review of the Integration Scheme were laid out in detail in the 3rd June 2025 paper to the IJB. https://dghscp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Item-8-Review-of-the-Dumfries-and-Galloway-Integration-Scheme.pdf</p> <p>The joint review process included: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with stakeholders in line with the requirements of The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Consultees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014; • A full, joint Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA) of the revisions on the Integration Scheme; • Liaison with Scottish Government officials;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting revisions to the Integration Scheme to reflect agreed changes; and • Ensuring legal scrutiny of draft revisions.
3.3	<p>The NHS Board proposals were: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reconfigure the responsibilities for the planning and delivery of health services; and • To reduce the number of voting members on the Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board (the IJB).
3.4	<p>The changes agreed in relation to these proposals are that: -</p>
3.4.1	<p>The planning and delivery oversight for health services that must be delegated to the IJB (as laid out in 'The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Health Board Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2014' remain with the IJB. Responsibility for the planning and delivery of all other health services will sit directly with the NHS Board; and</p>
3.4.2	<p>The number of IJB voting representatives will be reduced from 5 from each of the Parties, (a total of 10), to 4, (a total of 8). (Article 3(3) of The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014, sets out the minimum requirements of the number of board members to be nominated by health boards and local authorities under article 3(1)(a) and (b)).</p>
3.5	<p>Draft revisions were made to the Integration Scheme to reflect the above changes. These revisions were approved by the Parties and the document, with revisions tracked, posted on to the Parties public websites for a period of one month. No comments were received during that time.</p>
3.6	<p>During this process, Central Legal Office (CLO) suggested updates to the wording in the finance section relating to the operation of the 'set aside' for delegated health services delivered in large hospitals. These revisions, and any other revisions made in response to CLO comments since the Integration Scheme was submitted and approved by the NHS Board and Council in October 2025, are tracked in red in the document.</p>
4.	Conclusions
4.1	<p>Having considered the outcomes of stakeholder consultation and the EQIA, the Parties to the Integration Scheme agree that changes to the Integration Scheme are both desirable and necessary.</p>
4.2	<p>Draft revisions have been made to the Integration Scheme to reflect agreed changes.</p>
4.3	<p>The revised document will be submitted to Scottish Ministers for approval.</p>
4.4	<p>Changes to the delegation of health services will mean that a 'set aside' budget will require to be developed and established for health services,</p>

	delegated to the IJB, provided in a large hospital setting.
5.	Resource Implications
5.1	A 'set aside' budget, i.e. the amount to be set aside for delegated health services provided in large hospitals (as stated in 'The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Health Board Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2014'), will be established and this will be implemented when the revised Integration Scheme is approved by Scottish Ministers.
6.	Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy
6.1	The revised Integration Scheme, incorporating changes will strengthen planning interfaces, impacting positively on outcomes.
7.	Legal and Risk Implications
7.1	Revisions to the Integration Scheme have been subject to the scrutiny of legal representatives of both Parties.
8.	Consultation
8.1	Consultation on the changes to the Integration Scheme is in accordance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Consultees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014
9.	Equality Impact Assessment
9.1	<p>A full Equalities Impact Assessment of the changes to the Integration Scheme was undertaken on 22nd August 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No negative impacts; • 10 positive impacts; and • 10 neutral impacts.
10.	Consumer Duty
10.1	<p>The Integration Scheme has regard to the Core Principles for Integrated Planning. These include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder-centric; • Adaptability and Flexibility; and • Risk and Challenge Management. <p>Each of the above principles align with the intent of the Consumer Scotland Act.</p>
10.2	The draft Integration Scheme presented in this report has been through a joint Impact Assessment with both Council and NHS representatives. The results are available on the council's website at Impact assessments - Dumfries and Galloway Council (dumgal.gov.uk). No negative impacts, ten positive impacts

and ten neutral impacts were identified.

11. Glossary

The Act	The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014
CLO	Central Legal Office
EQIA	Equalities Impact Assessment
IJB	Integration Joint Board
the Integration Scheme	Dumfries and Galloway Integration Scheme
Party/the Parties	Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board and/or Dumfries and Galloway Council