



Dumfries and Galloway
Integration Joint Board

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This Report relates to
Item 5 on the Agenda

Membership Update / Voting Rights Update

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For Approval

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Appendices:	N/A

Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both	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	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Integration Joint Board (IJB) on the extended suspension of the Vice Chair and Substitute Voting Member, noting that we have appointed an interim Vice Chair.
- 1.2 Approve changes to the Independent Sector members and seek approval for the appointment of a new Strategic Planning Group Chair.
- 1.3 Furthermore, this report provides an update on the extension of voting rights to IJB Lived Experience Representatives, which was laid before Parliament in December 2026.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **The Integration Joint Board is asked to:**
- **Note the extended suspension of Vice Chair and suspension of substitute voting member.**
 - **Approve the changes to the Independent Sector members and endorse the appointment the Chair of the Strategic Planning Group**
 - **Note the extension of voting rights to IJB Lived Experience Representatives.**

3. Background and Main Report

- 3.1 In accordance with Section 10 of the Public Bodies (*Joint Working*) (*Scotland*) Act 2014, the IJB has a statutory duty to ensure that its governance structures, including its committees, have appropriate representation from voting members. In line with the IJB's governance framework, voting members are allocated from the partner organisations (*NHS Dumfries and Galloway*) and (*Dumfries and Galloway Local Authority*).
- 3.2 Current voting members are outlined below highlighting interim in place and vacancy due to suspension of substitute voting member:

Voting Members:

Kim Dams (Chair)	- NHS Voting Member
Interim Andy McFarlane (Vice Chair)	- Local Authority Voting Member
Greg Black	- NHS Voting Member
Richard Brodie	- Local Authority Voting Member
Linda Dorward	- Local Authority Voting Member
Gwilym Gibbons	- NHS Voting Member
Maureen Johnstone	- Local Authority Voting Member
Vicky Keir	- NHS Voting Member
VACANT	- NHS Voting Member
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- 3.3 Current Substitute Voting members are outlined below:

Substitute Voting Members:

VACANT - NHS Substitute Voting Member

Lynne Davis - Local Authority Substitute Voting Member
John Denerley - Local Authority Substitute Voting Member
Andy Ferguson - Local Authority Substitute Voting Member
Emma Jordan - Local Authority Substitute Voting Member
David Slater - Local Authority Substitute Voting Member

- 3.4 This is to provide an update regarding Independent Sector membership. Following Fiona Kane's transition to a new role, Nicola Hay will assume the position as the primary representative, with David Booth and Debbie Cochrane acting as deputies. They will ensure appropriate representation at the IJB and its Committees.
- 3.5 Furthermore, the Strategic Planning Group Chair has stood down where a nomination will come forward at the meeting of the 17th March 2026.
- 3.6 Regulations extending voting rights to Service User, Unpaid Carer, and Third Sector Representatives on Integration Joint Boards have been laid before Scottish Parliament and will come into force in September 2026.
- 3.7 The aim is to ensure equal participation in shaping decisions affecting community health and social care services. Further work will be done before September 2026 to establish clear processes, including reviewing guidance on recruitment, appointment, training, and support for all IJB members.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 The review of membership changes highlights the importance of maintaining accurate and up-to-date records to ensure effective governance and representation.
- 4.2 Recognising these changes allows for appropriate adjustments in roles, responsibilities, and communication channels, thereby supporting continuity and accountability within the organisation.

5. Resource Implications

- 5.1 There are no resource implications as a result of the changes to IJB or Committee Membership.

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

- 6.1 These membership changes are made in line with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014

7. Legal and Risk Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal or risk implications, however this does follow good governance.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 This report has been shared with the Chief Officer.

9. Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment

9.1	As this report does not propose a change in policy or strategy an EQIA is not required.				
10.	Consumer Duty				
10.1	Not applicable.				
11.	Glossary				
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