

Integration Joint Board
Strategic Planning, Finance and Commissioning Committee

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This Report relates to
Item 13 on the Agenda

NHS Board Public Health Committee Chair's Briefing June 2 and August 2026

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For Discussion / Noting

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List of Background Papers:	Not applicable
Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Public Health Committee Chair Report June 2026 Appendix 2 - Public Health Committee Chair Report August 2026

1. Introduction

1.1 The NHS Dumfries and Galloway Public Health Committee provides assurance to NHS Dumfries and Galloway in relation to meeting its obligations across a range of activities to protect and improve population health and reduce inequalities.

- providing assurance to the NHS Board that public health governance is being discharged in relation to the Board's statutory duty for the protection and improvement of the health of the population
- ensuring there is development and implementation of work at strategic, tactical and operational levels to underpin a system wide approach to addressing agreed areas of Public Health Priority and implementation of the Scottish Population Health Framework, to improve population health and wellbeing and addressing inequalities
- ensuring there is development and implementation of work that relates to the health protection, immunisation and screening functions of public health
- monitoring key population health measures with a clear focus on inequalities
- providing leadership to reshape NHS Dumfries and Galloway services to have a greater emphasis on prevention, early intervention and tackling inequalities
- promoting effective partnership working arrangements ensuring a whole systems approach between NHS Dumfries and Galloway, the Health and Social Care Partnership, the Local Authority, the Community Planning Partnership and thematic partnerships, Third Sector and local Communities to improve population health and wellbeing, reduce health inequalities and maximise our contribution to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2025
- provide assurance that there is ongoing input from a Public Health perspective to Sub-National planning structures and that NHS D&G maximises opportunities in relation to delivery of Public Health Services that may emerge through Sub-National and or National Planning structures.
- providing leadership and advocacy for public health work in Dumfries and Galloway
- assurance that the NHS Board has processes in place to improve and monitor equality and diversity impact assessments

1.2 The Committee receives a range of reports throughout the year which are aligned to the assurances outlined above and to the Population Health Framework.

1.3 This paper presents the Public Health Committee's Chair Report from its April 2026 and August 2026 which was presented to the NHS Board in June and August 2026 respectively. The paper provides assurance that the NHS Board is fulfilling its requirements in relation to providing assurances on population health and health inequalities.

2.	Recommendations
2.1	The IJB Strategic Planning, Finance and Commissioning Committee is asked to: Note and discuss the papers presented in Appendix 1 and 2 which outlines a range of work undertaken by NHS Dumfries and Galloway to support improvements in population health.
3.	Background and Main Report
3.1	Please see Appendix 1 and Appendix 2
4.	Conclusions
4.1	This report provides a high level summary of the reports provided to the Public Health Committee and should provide assurance to the Committee that there is continued focus on delivery of services to protect and improve population health.
5.	Resource Implications
5.1	There are no resource implications in relation to this report.
6.	Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy
6.1	This work aligns to the following National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes: People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer. Health and social care services contribute to reducing health inequalities. The work supports delivery of the following Strategic Commissioning Intentions: SCI1 People are supported to live independently at home and avoid crisis SCI1 Fewer people experience health and social care inequalities
7.	Legal and Risk Implications
7.1	None
8.	Consultation
8.1	There has been no external engagement or consultation on the content of this report.
9.	Equality Impact Assessment
9.1	An impact assessment has not be undertaken for this report as it is not required as it is a performance update.
10.	Consumer Duty
18.1	Not applicable

11. Glossary

PHC	Public Health Committee
RSV	Respiratory Syncytial Virus
MMR	Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine
MMRV	Measles, Mumps, Rubella & Varicella Vaccine
CTAC	Community Treatment
KPIs	Key Performance Indicators
EQIA	Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment
HIS	Healthcare Improvement Scotland
CPP	Community Planning Partnership
LOIP	Local Outcomes Improvement Plan
PHO	Population Health Organisation
HPV	Human Papilloma Virus
AAA	Abdominal Aortic Aneurism
PHI	Public Health Improvement