



Dumfries and Galloway
Integration Joint Board

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This Report relates to
Item 5 on the Agenda

Voting Membership Update

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For Approval

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Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Dumfries and Galloway - Integration Scheme Appendix 2 - Dumfries and Galloway Council and NHS Dumfries and Galloway IJB Voting Membership

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 members of Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board (the IJB) with changes to the voting membership of the IJB.
2.	Recommendations
2.1	The Integration Joint Board is asked to note: • The change of Lived Experience Representatives (LERs) on the IJB from advisory members to voting members. Effective from 1st September 2026, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025; • The adjustments to the Integration Scheme (detailed in point 3.7 below) to reflect the change of Lived Experience Representatives (LERs) of the IJB from advisory members to voting members (appendix one); • The planned submission of the Integration Scheme with adjustments tracked to the Scottish Government for noting; • The revised number of NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council (each a ‘Party’, together the ‘Parties’) voting members from five from each Party to four, in accordance with the agreed revisions to the Integration Scheme; and • The requirement for integration joint boards to make appropriate amendments to their governance arrangements, including their integration schemes, standing orders and membership arrangements.
3.	Background and Main Report
	LERs
3.1	The integration of health and social care in Scotland was established through the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, which created Integration Joint Boards (IJBs) to oversee the strategic planning, commissioning and delivery of integrated health and social care services. Since their establishment, the IJB membership has included representatives with lived experience including service users, unpaid carers and the third sector. While these individuals contributed valuable perspectives and participated fully in discussions, they did not hold voting rights on the IJB.
3.2	A significant driver for changing LERs to voting members of IJBs was the Independent (Feeley) Review of Adult Social Care in 2021, which concluded that it was "vital to amplify the voice of lived experience at every level" of health and social care governance.
3.3	The development of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (the Order) ensued, extending voting rights to three categories of members: • Service User Representatives; • Unpaid Carer Representatives; and

- Third Sector Representatives

Collectively LERs

- 3.4 The introduction of LER IJB voting rights represents a significant change in the governance of integrated health and social care. It came into force on 1 September 2026 and requires integration joint boards to amend their governance arrangements, including their Integration Schemes, Standing Orders and membership arrangements to reflect this.
- 3.5 The Order also provides for practical measures to support the exercise of voting rights, including the appointment of proxies where appropriate and plans are in place to develop and implement a full programme of induction and training to support LERs as voting members of the IJB.

Revised Number of The Parties' Voting Members

- 3.6 A comprehensive review of the Integration Scheme was completed in April 2026. As part of the agreed revisions, the voting membership of the Integration Joint Board was amended, reducing the number of voting members nominated by each of the Parties from five to four (appendix two).

Adjustments to the Integration Scheme

- 3.7 The adjustments introduced by the 2025 Order shall be inserted into the Integration Scheme at the following sections:
- 3.7.1 Page 1- definition of "the Parties"
 - 3.7.2 1.18 (the Definitions Section). new "Lived Experience Representatives" definition
 - 3.7.3 3.3 which lays out the requirement to appoint voting members from each of the following statutory groups:
 - third sector bodies carrying out activities related to health or social care in the area of the local authority;
 - service users residing in the area of the local authority; and
 - persons providing unpaid care in the area of the local authority
 - 3.7.4 3.7 deleted
 - 3.7.5 3.8 addition of Lived Experience Representatives
- 3.8 The Integration Scheme, with adjustments tracked to reflect the addition of LERs as voting members of the IJB, will be submitted to Scottish Government for noting in accordance with guidance issued in April 2026.

4. Conclusions

- 4.1 The introduction of voting rights for LERs on IJBs enables representatives with direct experience of accessing, supporting or delivering health and social care services to participate as equal partners in IJB decision-making.
- 4.2 The changes to LERs as voting members and the Parties voting membership numbers, means a total of eleven IJB voting members; 4 from each of the Parties and 3 LERs (appendix 2).

5.	Resource Implications										
5.1	No resource implications as a result of these changes are identified.										
6.	Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy										
6.1	The changes to LERs are made in line with statutory requirements										
7.	Legal and Risk Implications										
7.1	The change in relation to LERs is mandated by the 2025 Order and ensures the IJB's continued full compliance with legislative requirements.										
8.	Consultation										
8.1	This report has been shared with the Chief Officer and Council and NHS Governance Leads										
9.	Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment										
9.1	The Integration Scheme is fully impact assessed										
10.	Consumer Duty										
10.1	Not applicable.										
11.	Glossary										
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Appendix 1

Dumfries and Galloway - Integration Scheme

Appendix 2

Dumfries and Galloway Council and NHS Dumfries and Galloway IJB Voting Membership

Voting Members:

Kim Dams (Chair)	- NHS Voting Member
Ian Carruthers (Vice Chair)	- Local Authority Voting Member
Greg Black	- NHS Voting Member
Linda Dorward	- Local Authority Voting Member
Andy McFarlane	- Local Authority Voting Member
Gwilym Gibbons	- NHS Voting Member
Maureen Johnstone	- Local Authority Voting Member
Vicky Keir	- NHS Voting Member
Service User	- Lived Experience Representative
Carer	- Lived Experience Representative
Third Sector	- Lived Experience Representative

Substitute Voting Members:

VACANT	- NHS Substitute Voting Member
Richard Brodie	- Local Authority Substitute Voting Member
Andy Ferguson	- Local Authority Substitute Voting Member
Gail MacGregor	- Local Authority Substitute Voting Member
Keith Walters	- Local Authority Substitute Voting Member
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