Integration Joint Board
Strategic Planning, Finance and Commissioning Committee

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For Discussion / Noting

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List of Background Papers:	N/A
Appendices:	**Appendix 1 -** Progress Update on IJB Directions

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		

1. Introduction

1.1 This report provides a strategic-level overview of the current Directions issued to Dumfries and Galloway Council (DGC), NHS Dumfries and Galloway, or both parties.

1.2 At present, there are 22 active Directions (Appendix 1). This update focuses on the status and progress of those currently in effect.

2. Recommendations

2.1 **The IJB Strategic Planning, Finance and Commissioning committee is asked to:**

- **Note the overview of the status of each of the 22 Directions and associated actions.**

3. Background and Main Report

3.1 Directions are legally binding, which is why they come at the end point of a process of planning and decision making. The delivery partners are required to comply with all directions received from the IJB, and the law is clear that they may not amend, ignore, appeal or veto any direction.

3.2 Due to Directions being legally binding we must have a robust process around the governance of Directions that have been issued to constituent parties and also ensure alignment to the delivery committees of the constituent parties.

4. Conclusions

4.1 This paper provides an overview of the status of each of the 23 Directions and associated actions.

5. Resource Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications associated with these papers.

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

6.1 All directions are aligned with the IJBs 7 Strategic Commissioning Intentions as set out within the IJB Strategic Commissioning Plan.

7. Legal and Risk Implications

7.1 Directions are legally binding therefore we need to ensure that we have robust governance processes in place not only for the Integrated Joint Board but for the Senior Leadership Team (DGC) / Board Management Team (NHS) and associated Committees of the constituent parties.

8. Consultation

8.1 Health and Social Care Leadership Team.

9. Equality Impact Assessment

9.1 There is no requirement to complete an EQIA for this paper as any EQIAs will be completed at scheme level.

10. Consumer Duty

10.1 Any impact will be completed at scheme level.

11. Glossary

EQIA	**Equalities Impact Assessment**
IJB	**Integration Joint Board**