

Report to:	<b>Executive Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>1 March 2023</b>
Report by:	<b>Director, Health and Social Care</b>

Subject:	<b>South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board Annual Performance Report 2021/2022</b>
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**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ present the South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board's (IJB) Annual Performance Report 2021/2022

**2. Recommendation(s)**

2.1. The Executive Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) note the content of the report.

**3. Background**

3.1. Section 42 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 requires that Annual Performance Reports (APR) are prepared by an Integration Authority – i.e. the Integration Joint Board (IJB) in a South Lanarkshire context. The 2014 Act obliges that the APR should cover the preceding year's activity and be published four months after the end of that reporting year.

3.2. The purpose of the APR is to ensure that performance is open and accountable, whilst at the same time providing an overall assessment of performance in relation to planning and carrying out integration functions. The APR is also of interest to the Health Board and South Lanarkshire Council in monitoring the success of the integration arrangements they have put in place, as per the Integration Scheme.

3.3. The Scottish Government issued Guidance for APRs in March 2016, with recommended areas for inclusion, including:-

- ◆ a summary of progress against the nine National Health outcomes using as a minimum the 23 core national performance indicators
- ◆ Financial performance and best value

**4. Annual Performance Report 2021/2022**

4.1. The IJB's Annual Performance Report 2021/2022 is attached, following agreement at the IJB on 13 December 2022.

4.2. As with previous years, this APR 2021/2022 is aligned to reporting progress against the intentions outlined in the Strategic Commissioning Plan for that given year. This APR covers the final year of the 2019 to 2022 Strategic Commissioning Plan.

- 4.3. The Scottish Government have advised that, similar to last year, IJBs can delay the release of their APR if they wish and as laid out in the Coronavirus Scotland Act (2020).
- 4.4. Audit Scotland has previously made recommendations to the IJB relating to enhancing the public accessibility of its formal publications, notably by encouraging greater use of infographics where appropriate.

## **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. The APR includes information on financial performance and best value.
- 6.2. The IJB's appointed External Auditor, Audit Scotland, is required to supply an audit certificate outlining the findings of the audit process undertaken in relation to the IJB's Annual Accounts 2021/2022. The External Auditor's Annual Audit Report 2021/2022 was duly completed and then presented to and approved at the IJB Performance and Audit Sub-Committee meeting of 12 October 2022 in advance of the statutory publication timescale of 31 October 2022.
- 6.3. The External Auditor concluded that the financial statements of the South Lanarkshire IJB for 2021/2022 give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and of its net expenditure for the year and have, therefore, issued an unqualified independent Auditor's Report. This assurance is consequently reflected within the attached APR for that same period.
- 6.4. The External Auditors key messages include:-
  - ◆ Effective governance and decision-making arrangements were in place during 2021/2022. Integration Joint Boards across Scotland were operating in a volatile and challenging environment in 2021/2022. The South Lanarkshire IJB had to prioritise its health and social care response to the COVID-19 pandemic against the backdrop of workforce and financial challenges that impacted on its capacity to progress its planned service developments
  - ◆ The IJB has enhanced the openness and transparency of its activities and decision making through the introduction of live on-line streaming of the IJB and the PASC meetings
  - ◆ The IJB's effective planning and communication helped in managing the system - wide health and social care system pressures, including acute service pressures, experienced during December 2021 and January 2022. The IJB Chief Officer and their team, through both partners, created a prioritisation framework that was reflective of the challenges it faced, with a focus on its most vulnerable citizens. The Scottish Government circulated this framework to other Joint Boards noting it as a template for good practice

## **7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

## **8. Other Implications**

- 8.1. The APR presents progress in a range of areas that contribute to the mitigation of a number of risks within the IJB Risk Register, notably:-
- ◆ Demand pressures (Very High)
  - ◆ Financial Sustainability (Very High)
  - ◆ External Provider Resilience (High)
  - ◆ Public Protection (Medium)
  - ◆ Public Sector Duties (Medium)
  - ◆ Transformation (Medium)
- 8.2. The APR 2021/2022 is aligned to reporting progress against the final year of the 2019 to 2022 Strategic Commissioning Plan.
- 8.3. There are no other issues associated with this report.

## **9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 9.2. The APR 2021/2022 is aligned to reporting progress against the final year of the 2019 to 2022 Strategic Commissioning Plan which was fully consulted upon.

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20 January 2023

## **Previous References**

- ◆ Strategic Commissioning Plan 2019 – 2022
- ◆ Annual Performance Report 2019/2020
- ◆ Annual Performance Report 2020/2021

## **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Appendix 1 - Annual Performance Report 2021/2022

## **Contact for Further Information**

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