

NHS Highland



Meeting:	NHS Highland Board
Meeting date:	27 th January 2026
Title:	Argyll & Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Annual Performance Report
Responsible Executive/Non-Executive:	Evan Beswick, Argyll & Bute HSCP Chief Officer
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Report Recommendation:

The Board are asked to **Note** the content of the report

1 Purpose

This is presented to the Board for:

- Assurance

This report relates to a:

- Legal requirement

This report will align to the following NHSScotland quality ambition(s):

Safe, Effective and Person Centred

This report relates to the following Strategic Outcome(s)

Start Well	Thrive Well	Stay Well	Anchor Well	
Grow Well	Listen Well	Nurture Well	Plan Well	
Care Well	Live Well	Respond Well	Treat Well	
Journey Well	Age Well	End Well	Value Well	
Perform well	Progress well	All Well Themes	x	

2 Report summary

2.1 Situation

Each HSCP is responsible for publishing an Annual Performance Report (APR) which sets out how they are improving on the National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes (NHWBO). The APR also includes a core suite of national indicators which contextualises the data and provides a comparative and broader picture of local performance.

The IJB have previously agreed that the Annual Performance Report would be presented to them each year. There have been seven Annual Performance Reports to date. Required content of the report is set out in The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Content of Performance Reports) (Scotland) Regulations 2014. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2014/326/contents/made>

A draft version of this report was reviewed by the IJB in August. The data for the Health and Social Wellbeing Indicators was not finalised until early July which means that the final report could not be approved by the IJB before submission to Scottish Government. SLT signed off the final report in July 2024 ahead of submission of the draft.

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2.2 Background

The main body of the APR utilises the Integrated Performance Management Framework (IPMF).

The data used in this report focuses on two Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) against each of the service areas identified within the IPMF, the data used utilises the financial year 2024-25 and defines the quarter data using Financial Year as the benchmark. The data used is reflective of the wider integrated performance agenda encapsulated within the IPMF and includes service delivery and performance monitoring from all services.

The report also covers:

- financial performance and best value
- public engagement
- performance monitoring against joint strategic plan (year 3) – Appendix 1
- Health & Wellbeing Outcome Indicators (HWBOI's) & Ministerial Steering Group Indicators (MSG) – Appendix 2

2.3 Assessment

The report is provided to the NHS Board for noting and consideration.

2.4 Proposed level of Assurance

Substantial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Comment on the level of assurance

A moderate level of assurance is provided in the context that Argyll & Bute is delivering care in the main by supporting and mitigating risks however the risks remain in the longer term and there requires to be continued focus to address the wider impacts in delivering rural health and social care.

3 Impact Analysis

3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

Performance is considered for scrutiny at the clinical and care governance committee noting required actions and further scrutiny for update to the IJB.

3.2 Workforce

Describe any positive and negative impact on staff including resources, staff health and wellbeing.

3.3 Financial

Changing cost pressures may impact on ability to deliver the strategic plan.

3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

Quarter 4 reflected a dip in performance and this is monitored to ensure if is not a progressive trend. It is not unusual as this is typically the most pressurised period over the annual cycle however we do not take for granted and this was monitored into quarter 1 and the performance has improved in line with expectation.

There are continued system pressures which impact on the ability to deliver the strategic objectives which are reviewed 6 monthly by the IJB.

3.5 Data Protection

No impact on GDPR or current data sharing agreements

3.6 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities

No specific impact assessment was required for this report however this does reflect the practice to ensure we are considering needs. The IJB

3.7 Other impacts

Not for this report.

3.8 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

The APR does not require public engagement however performance is presented at Council Community Services Committee within council constitution and at area committees after presentation at the IJB.

3.9 Route to the Meeting

This has been previously considered by the following groups as part of its development. The groups have either supported the content, or their feedback has informed the development of the content presented in this report.

- SLT 6 August
- Integration Joint Board Development Session 27 August 2025
- Integration Joint Board 17 September 2025

4.1 List of appendices

The following appendices are included with this report:

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