

**MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE HSCP INTEGRATION JOINT
BOARD (IJB) held BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
on WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2026**

Present:

Graham Bell, NHS Highland Non-Executive Board Member (Chair)
Councillor Dougie McFadzean, Argyll and Bute Council (Vice Chair)
Councillor Kieron Green, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Ross Moreland, Argyll and Bute Council
Councillor Gary Mulvaney, Argyll and Bute Council
Karen Leach, NHS Highland Non-Executive Board Member
Janice Preston, NHS Highland Non-Executive Board Member

Evan Beswick, Chief Officer, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Fiona Broderick, Staffside Lead, Argyll and Bute HSCP (Health)
Linda Currie, Associate Director AHP, NHS Highland
Shona Williams, Acting Chief Social Worker, Argyll and Bute HSCP
James Gow, Head of Finance, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Rebecca Helliwell, Depute Medical Director, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Kenny Mathieson, Public Representative
Alison McGrory, Associate Director of Public Health, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Kevin McIntosh, Staffside Lead, Argyll and Bute HSCP (Council)
Takki Sulaiman, Chief Executive, Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface
Kirstie Reid, Carers Representative, NHS Highland

Attending:

Charlotte Craig, Business Improvement Manager
Eilidh Gallacher, Head of Primary Care, NHS Highland
Nikki Gillespie, Head of Complex Care and Registered Services, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Kristin Gillies, Head of Strategic Planning, Performance and Technology, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Douglas Hendry, IJB Standards Officer/Executive Director, Argyll and Bute Council
Hazel MacInnes, Senior Committee Officer, Argyll and Bute Council
Blair McFarlane, Engagement Officer, NHS Highland
Caroline Robertson, Head of Adults – Hospitals and Community Care, Argyll and Bute HSCP
Angela Tillery, Principal Accountant, Argyll and Bute Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Brian Stevens and David Gibson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chair, on behalf of the Board, expressed his sadness at the passing of Councillor Dougie Philand in the previous week. He paid tribute to Councillor Philand, who had previously served as a member of the Integration Joint Board, describing him as a true gentleman who would be greatly missed. The Chair conveyed the Board's condolences to Councillor Philand's family.

3. UPDATED INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD STANDING ORDERS

The Board gave consideration to a report seeking approval of updated Integration Joint Board Standing Orders following the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025. The amendments reflected the extension of voting rights to lived experience members and introduced supporting governance arrangements, including member support, information governance expectations, role guidance and provision for deputations at public meetings.

Decision

The Integration Joint Board approved the updated Integration Joint Board Standing Orders.

(Reference: Report by Business Improvement Manager dated 26 August 2026, submitted)

4. STANDARDS COMMISSION ADVICE NOTE FOR MEMBER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARDS

The Board gave consideration to a report providing information on a Standards Commission issued Advice Note and card for Lived Experience Members on Integration Joint Boards providing practical guidance for Integration Joint Board members on their ethical responsibilities to help support compliant, transparent and effective decision-making.

Decision

The Integration Joint Board –

1. noted the Standards Commission Advice Note for Members of Health and Social Care Integration Joint Boards, and the card for Lived Experience Members on Integration Joint Boards; and
2. agreed that both documents be circulated as appropriate for awareness, induction and ongoing governance support.

(Reference: Report by Standards Officer dated 26 August 2026, submitted)