

**HIGHLAND NHS BOARD
MEETING OF HIGHLAND HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday 2 September 2026, at 1pm
Virtual Meeting Format (Microsoft Teams)

- All cameras should be turned on
- Use raise hand facility to discuss items – please do not use MS Teams chat

AGENDA

Time	1.	Standing Items	Paper
13.00	1.1	Welcome and Apologies	
	1.2	Declarations of Interest Members are asked to consider whether they have an interest to declare in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting. Any Member making a declaration of interest should indicate whether it is financial or non-financial and include some information on its nature. Advice may be sought from the Board Secretary's Office prior to the meeting taking place	
	1.3	Assurance Report from 1 July 2026, Action Plan and Workplan The Committee is asked to approve the minutes of meeting of 1 st July 2026 and note the action plan and workplan.	PP. 1-8 & Excel
	1.4	Matters Arising	
	2.	Finance	
13.05	2.1	Finance Report – Month 3 2026/2027 Report by Elaine Ward, Deputy Director of Finance The Committee is asked to examine and consider the content of the report and take limited assurance.	PP. 225-241
	3.	Performance and Service Delivery	
13.30	3.1	Integrated Performance and Quality Report Report by Rhiannon Boydell, Head of Integration, Strategy and Transformation, HHSCP The Committee are asked to: • Consider the progress made with the development of KPIs across the HSCP to be managed within a performance framework. • Note the ongoing target setting and KPI development in some areas. • To accept limited assurance and to note the continued and sustained stressors facing both NHS and commissioned care services.	PP. 9-39
13.45	3.2	Discharge Without Delay Report by Joyce Forsyth, Interface Manager on behalf of Arlene Johnstone, Chief Officer for Highland HSCP The Committee is asked to note the report and take moderate assurance.	PP. 40-49
14.15	3.3	Highland Drug, Alcohol and Recovery Services Report Report by Lesley Campbell, Interim Service Manager on behalf of Arlene Johnstone, Chief Officer for Highland HSCP The Committee is asked to consider the information presented and take substantial assurance from the report.	PP. 50-66

14.30	3.4	Draft HSCP Annual Report 25/26 Report by Rhiannon Boydell, on behalf of Arlene Johnstone, Chief Officer for Highland HSCP The Committee is asked to note and take substantial assurance on the Draft HSCP Annual Report.	PP. 67-146
14.40 - Comfort Break (10 Minutes)			
14.50	3.5	Vaccination Improvement Plan update Report by Sharon Hammell & Jenny Wares on behalf of Arlene Johnstone, Chief Officer for Highland HSCP The Committee is asked to note the vaccination uptake performance set out in the paper and take moderate assurance from the improvement actions being progressed, while recognising that uptake remains below national and international benchmarks in a number of programmes.	PP. 147 - 157
15.20	3.6	Highland Children's Services Partnership Plan 2026-29 Report by Ian Kyle, Chair, Children's Services Planning Partnership Board The Committee is asked to note the report.	PP. 158 - 189
15.35	3.7	Chief Officer's Report Report by Arlene Johnstone, Chief Officer for Highland HSCP The Committee is asked to consider the report and identify any matters that require further assurance or escalation to NHS Highland Board.	PP.190 - 224
	4.	Corporate Governance	
15.50	5.	Any Other Competent Business	
		Date & Time of Next Meeting Wednesday 4 November 2026 at 1 pm via Microsoft Teams.	
16.00		Close of meeting	

Members of the Highland Health and Social Care Committee

Gerry O'Brien (Chair & Board Vice Chair)	Kaye Oliver (Staffside representative)
Philip Macrae (Vice Chair)	Position Vacant (Third Sector Representative)
Neil Wright (Non-Exec)	Allyson Turnbull-Jukes (Area Clinical Forum)
Muriel Cockburn (Non-Exec & Highland Councillor)	Position vacant (Area Clinical Forum)
Joanne McCoy (Non-Exec)	Fiona Malcolm (Highland Council Executive Chief Officer for Health and Social Care)
Arlene Johnstone (Chief Officer)	Fiona Duncan (Highland Council Chief Social Work Officer)
Position Vacant (Director of Adult Social Care)	Dr Thomas Brown (Lead Doctor)
Elaine Ward (Finance Lead)	Moirra Miller (2 nd Staffside representative)
Claire Copeland (Medical Lead)	Position vacant (Public/Patient representative)
Julie Gilmore (Nurse Lead)	Position vacant (2 nd Public/Patient representative)
Cllr, Christopher Birt (Highland Council)	Position vacant (Carer Representative)
Cllr, David Fraser (Highland Council)	Jennifer Davies (Director of Public Health)
Cllr, Ron Gunn (Highland Council)	