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REPORT TO: **PERFORMANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE – 20 MAY 2026**

REPORT ON: **ASSURANCE REPORT – IMPLEMENTATION OF IJB DIRECTIONS 2025-26**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

REPORT NO: **PAC21-2026**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To review and provide assurance that IJB Directions have been issued and implemented during 2025-26 in line with IJB Directions Policy

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Performance & Audit Committee (PAC):

2.1 Notes the content of this report advising that Directions detailed in section 4.6 and section 4.7 have been issued in line with controls detailed in section 4.5.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Section 53 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014 provides that local authorities, health boards and integration authorities must have regard to any guidance issued by the Scottish Ministers about its functions under or in relation to that Act. The Scottish Government issued updated Guidance to local authorities, health boards and integration authorities on Directions from Integration Authorities to Health Boards and Local Authorities in March 2020.

4.2 The IJB's Directions Policy was approved on 19 April 2023 (Article IX of the Minute of the meeting refers).

4.3 The IJB is responsible for approving all Directions. Directions will be reviewed and issued at the start of the financial year to establish the budget for each service to be delivered. In order to provide flexibility and take account of strategic and financial developments and service changes throughout the year, or a change in local circumstances; Directions will be issued at any time as required by IJB decisions and will be subject to formal approval by the IJB as part of that decision making process.

4.4 Performance and Audit Committee will assume responsibility for monitoring and maintaining an overview of progress of the implementation of Directions. The PAC will escalate key delivery issues to the IJB.

4.5 The Directions Policy incorporates the following responsibility for PAC - The Performance and Audit Committee will review the effectiveness of the IJB's performance in relation to Directions on an annual basis having regard to the following controls:

- A policy is in place to define the aims and purpose of Directions;
- The requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 have been met (in particular, the requirement to issue a Direction in relation to **all** functions);

- The Directions have been clearly stated;
- The Directions issued comply with the Scottish Government's Statutory Guidance;
- Directions are necessary and proportionate;
- The procedure ensures Directions clearly align to the Strategic Plan;
- The procedure ensures Directions are communicated with DCC and NHST, including setting expectations for their completion;
- A procedure is in place to ensure Directions are subsequently revised during the year in response to developments and there is a process in place to revoke/ supersede previous versions; and
- A robust process is in place for annual reporting and monitoring arrangements, ensuring they are clear and implemented in practice.

4.6 The IJB approved and issued the following Directions during 2025/26

IJB Meeting date	Report (number and name)	Direction issued to Dundee City Council, NHS Tayside or both	Full Text of Direction	Date of Review	Comment / Progress
16/04/25	No Directions Issued				
18/06/25	DIJB39-2025 – Dundee Integration Joint Board Budget Update 2025/26 (amendment to DIJB14-2025)	Both NHS Tayside & Dundee City Council	Dundee Integration Joint Board directs Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside to provide health and social care services as commissioned by Dundee Integration Joint Board within the resources allocated as set out in this report. Further Directions will be issued by Dundee Integration Joint Board during 2025/26 as to the future provision of these services.	March 2026	Complete
20/08/25	DIJB57-2025 – Delivery of Primary Care Improvement Plan – Annual Update (superseding DIJB43-2024)	NHS Tayside	Dundee IJB directs NHS Tayside to implement, with immediate effect, the specific actions relevant to them in the Tayside Primary Care Improvement Plan as outlined in the Dundee Action Plan (Appendix 1).	August 2026	Not yet due
20/08/25	DIJB58-2025 – Scottish Government NHS Renewal Funding – Urgent and Unscheduled Care	Both NHS Tayside & Dundee City Council	Dundee Integration Joint Board directs NHS Tayside and Dundee City Council to develop additional services and capacity to meet the Scottish Government's expectations as outlined in this report and in the joint letter from the Chief Operating Officer, NHS Scotland Directorate and Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief	March 2026	Complete

			Executive, NHS Scotland dated the 26 June 2025 as they relate to delegated services to the IJB.		
20/08/25	DIJB59-2025 – Application for Transformation Funding for Continuity of Care in General Practice	NHS Tayside	To implement the Continuity of Care service provision as set out within this report	August 2027	Not yet due
22/10/25	No Directions Issued				
10/12/25	DIJB91-2025 – Housing with Care Provision	Dundee City Council	Dundee Integration Joint Board directs Dundee City Council to cease to directly provide Housing with Care Services at Rockwell Gardens in Dundee and reduce the number of social care officer posts at the service by 450 hours per week and enters into a contractual arrangement with an external care provider to provide up to 250 hours of social care per week to individuals residing in Rockwell Gardens. The IJB also directs Dundee City Council to redirect social care hours provided at Brington Place and Baluniefield housing with care to mainstream care at home services and cease to provide housing with care services at these properties, reducing social care provision at the service by 300 hours per week.	March 2026	Complete
18/02/26	DIJB3-2026 - Application for Transformation Funding for Stock Control Test of Change	NHS Tayside	Delivery of Test of Change Stock Controller project in CTAC service and on RVH site	October 2028	Not yet due
31/03/26	DIJB10-2026 – Dundee Integration Joint Board Proposed Budget 2026/27	Both NHS Tayside & Dundee City Council	Dundee Integration Joint Board directs Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside to provide health and social care services as commissioned by Dundee Integration Joint Board within the resources allocated as set out in this report, subject to formal notification from NHS Tayside as to the level of budget offer. Further	June 2026	Not yet due

			Directions will be issued by Dundee Integration Joint Board during 2026/27 as to the future provision of these services.		

4.7 The IJB previously approved and issued the following Directions during 2024/25 – an update on planned progress during 2025/26 is noted

IJB Meeting date	Report (number and name)	Direction issued to Dundee City Council, NHS Tayside or both	Full Text of Direction	Date of Review	Comment / Progress
17/04/24	No Directions Issued				
19/06/24	No Directions Issued				
21/08/24	DIJB47-2024 – Transformation Funding for Community Facing Palliative Care Services	NHS Tayside	Provide for a Band 7 Clinical Nurse Specialist to the above service over 18 months to map current provision, identify any gaps and develop a whole systems pathway ensuring effective co-ordination of care as outlined in this report	February 2026	Ongoing – Update to be provided by August 2026
21/08/24	DIJB48-2024 - Psychological Therapy Service - ADHD	NHS Tayside	To implement the additional service provision as set out within this report	March 2026	Ongoing – Update to be provided by October 2026
21/08/24	DIJB24-2024 – Redesign of MacKinnon Centre Services	Dundee City Council	Instructs Dundee City Centre to cease providing a Skills Service at MacKinnon Centre	None	Complete
21/08/24	DIJB43-2024 – Delivery of Primary Care Improvement Plan – Annual Update	NHST Tayside	Dundee IJB directs NHS Tayside to implement, with immediate effect, the specific actions relevant to them in the Tayside Primary Care Improvement Plan as outlined in the Dundee Action Plan (Appendix 1).	March 2025	Complete
23/10/24	No Directions Issued				
11/12/24	No Directions Issued				
19/02/25	DIJB3-2025 – Future Provision of Practical Support Services	Dundee City Council	The IJB directs Dundee City Council to formally withdraw the provision of practical support services.	February 2026	Complete

19/02/25	DIJB11-2025 – Review of Older People Day Opportunities	Dundee City Council	The IJB directs Dundee City Council to cease to commission day services from Alzheimer's Scotland.	August 2025	Complete
26/03/25	DIJB14-2025 – Dundee Integration Joint Board Proposed Budget 2025/26	Both	Dundee Integration Joint Board directs Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside to provide health and social care services as commissioned by Dundee Integration Joint Board within the resources allocated as set out in this report, subject to formal notification from NHS Tayside as to the level of budget offer. Further Directions will be issued by Dundee Integration Joint Board during 2025/26 as to the future provision of these services.	June 2025	Complete

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been subject to the Pre-IIA Screening Tool and does not make any recommendations for change to strategy, policy, procedures, services or funding and so has not been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment. An appropriate senior manager has reviewed and agreed with this assessment.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

6.1 This report has not been subject to a risk assessment as it is an annual report of activity and does not require any policy or financial decisions at this time.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Officer and the Clerk were consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

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DATE: 24 April 2026

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