



PERTH & KINROSS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

AUDIT & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

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CLINICAL AND CARE GOVERNANCE ASSURANCE

**Report by Chief Officer
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide assurance to the Perth and Kinross HSCP's Audit and Performance Committee in respect of Clinical, Care and Professional Governance arrangements in place for delegated and hosted services managed by Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership (PKHSCP).

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Audit and Performance Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the responsibilities of Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board in respect of Clinical, Care and Professional Governance and those of the NHS Tayside and Perth & Kinross Council;
- (ii) Note the arrangements in place for providing the IJB with assurance that effective and robust systems of Clinical, Care and Professional Governance are in place for integrated health and social care services;
- (iii) Note that NHS Tayside's Care Governance Committee agreed that the most recent report presented to them in August 2023 demonstrated Substantial Assurance;
- (iv) Note that the Chief Officer confirms the effectiveness of the above systems in place in the Health and Social Care Partnership reporting to both NHS Tayside and Perth & Kinross Council governance and quality assurance arrangements.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board has a strategic commissioning role with the operational responsibility for delegated and hosted services resting with the Health and Social Care Partnership which brings together NHS Tayside and Perth and Kinross Council as the employing bodies of the staff delivering these services and for the fulfilment of their respective statutory duties.
- 2.2 The Perth & Kinross Health & Social Care Partnership (PKHSCP) Care & Professional Governance Forum (CPGF) was established at the inception of integration and has met regularly. It is chaired jointly by the Clinical Director and the Chief Social Work Officer who has delegated the role to the Interim Head of Service Adult Social Work and Social Care (Operations) while in the role of Chief Officer for the HSCP. The Forum provides assurance on the quality, safety and effectiveness of all services delegated to the P&K IJB. This is achieved through detailed annual reporting on all aspects of service delivery which is linked to the domains for effective clinical and care governance and the Health and Social Care Standards; along with a monthly process for the escalation of factors which are inhibiting safe care, issues and concerns; risk management; adult protection; and complaints.
- 2.3 The CPGF reports to NHS Tayside's Care Governance Committee with regular assurance and exception reports. These reports seek to provide assurance to NHS Tayside that there are effective and embedded systems for Clinical, Care and Professional Governance in all services delegated to or hosted by PKIJB. It should be noted that Inpatient Mental Health & Learning Disability Services and all General Adult Psychiatry medical workforce report directly to the NHS Tayside Care Governance Committee as operational responsibility is not delegated and is retained by NHS Tayside. Further, services hosted by Angus IJB and Dundee IJB also report directly to the NHS Tayside Care Governance Committee. This provides a formal mechanism for NHS Tayside to provide assurance to PKIJB that appropriate arrangements and systems are in place in respect of operational health services being managed by PKHSCP.
- 2.4 Agreement has been reached for a reciprocal process for the provision of assurance to PKIJB from Perth and Kinross Council for operational Adult Social Work and Social Care services managed by PKHSCP with reporting from the CPGF to the Scrutiny and Performance Committee. This reporting commenced in April 2023.

3. SITUATION

- 3.1 To fulfil its obligations as set out in the PKIJB Integration Scheme, the IJB requires assurance that:
- There are effective arrangements for providing assurance regarding the delivery of safe and effective services;
 - There are effective arrangements for professional supervision, learning, support and continuous improvement for all staff;

- There are effective information systems and that relevant professional and service user networks or groups feed into the agreed Clinical and Care Governance and Professional Governance framework;
- There are effective arrangements for embedding mechanisms for continuous improvement of all services through application of a Clinical and Care Governance and Professional Governance Framework; and
- There are effective arrangements for service user and carer feedback and for complaints handling.

4. ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The Chief Officer can confirm that the Clinical Care Governance Reporting Framework, overseen by the PKHSCP Clinical and Professional Governance Forum, supports regular review of all services to ensure that effective and embedded Clinical, Care and Professional Governance arrangements are in place and that these arrangements can evidence continuing improvements.
- 4.2 The Nurse Director for Mental Health & Learning Disabilities presented a paper titled “Governance Reporting Arrangements for Board Retained Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Services” at NHS Tayside’s Care Governance Committee of 1 June 2023. This paper describes how the HSCP’s currently provide assurances to the Care Governance Committee regarding Mental Health services within their regular HSCP reports to the Committee, and that this will continue. A combined report for the board retained Mental Health services within Tayside (Secure Care, General Adult Psychiatry Inpatients and Learning Disability Inpatient Services) was presented at the Care Governance Committee in August 2023. The paper also makes reference to the establishment of a Safety and Quality Forum for Mental Health, which will inform and shape patient safety priorities within services, and the activity of which will be reported through the existing Care & Professional Governance Groups to the Care Governance Committee.
- 4.3 PKHSCP’s assurance report from NHS Tayside’s Care Governance Committee of 3 August 2023 is attached at appendix 1 to evidence the above. The level of assurance recommended and accepted by the Committee was “Substantial Assurance”.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Audit and Performance Committee will continue to be provided with assurance that effective Clinical, Care and Professional Governance arrangements are in place for operational services commissioned by the IJB and managed by PKHSCP.
- 5.2 This will be accomplished by the regular sharing of approved relevant extracts from minutes from the IJB’s partners and any assurance and exception reports from PKHSCP in relation to Clinical, Care and Professional Governance submitted to NHS Tayside and Perth and Kinross Council.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – CGC Assurance Report: Perth and Kinross HSCP, 3 August 2023