



PERTH AND KINROSS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

AUDIT & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

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PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT PLAN - UPDATE

**Report by Chief Finance Officer
(Report No. G/24/94)**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an update on progress against the actions within the Partnership Improvement Plan (PIP).

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- (i) Notes the progress towards the achievement of actions within the Partnership Improvement Plan.
- (ii) Notes the completion of all recommendations included as part of the combined internal audit report on Sustainability of Primary Care Services.

2. BACKGROUND

The Partnership Improvement Plan consolidates all improvement actions/recommendations arising from:

- (i) the IJB's Annual Review of Governance and other self-assessments.
- (ii) Internal and external audit recommendations and other external inspection.

Updates are provided to the Audit & Performance Committee on progress achieved against actions over the previous period.

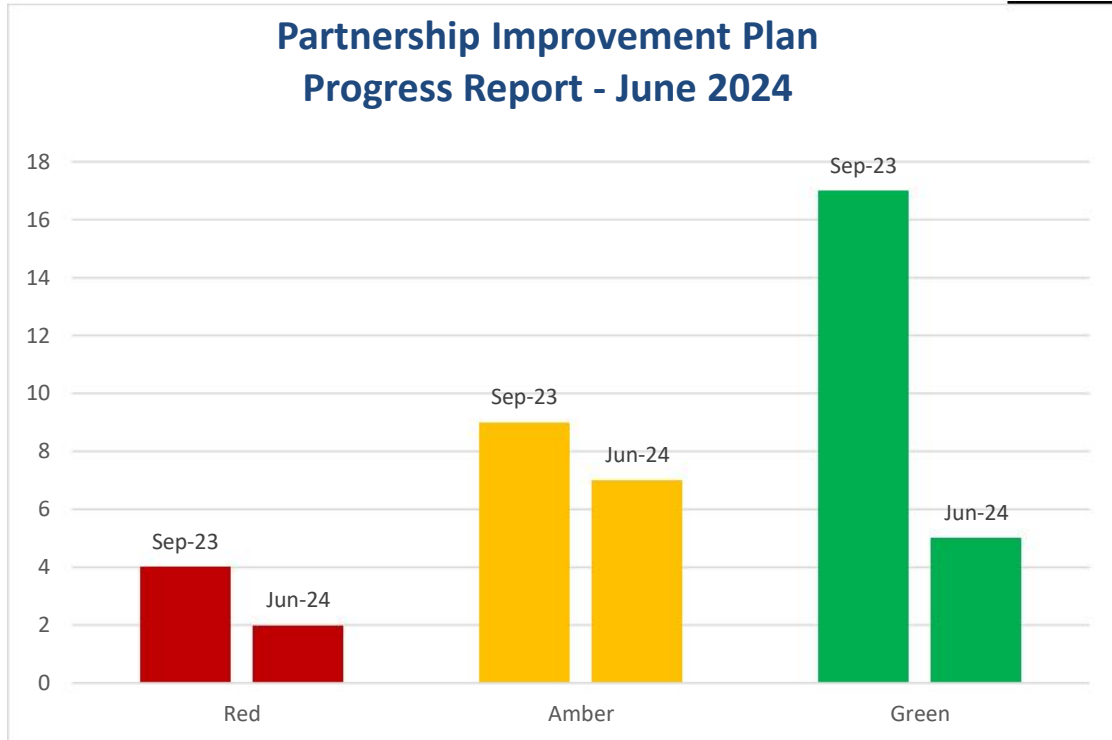
3. PROGRESS UPDATE

- 3.1 Since the last report to the Audit and Performance Committee no audit assignments have been completed and no new actions identified from any

self-assessment. Therefore, no new actions have been added to the Partnership Improvement Plan.

- 3.2 The current status of Partnership Improvement Plan actions is shown at table 1 below. 10 actions were marked as being complete the last time the plan was reported to Committee in September 2023. These actions have now been removed from the plan and archived.

Table 1



- 3.3 The Partnership Improvement Plan now contains 30 actions. Of these 30 actions, 5 are marked as at green status, 7 are amber and 2 are red.
- 3.4 The actions with a red status are all scheduled for completion in 2024-25. Some progress has been made with these actions however the date for completion has now passed.
- 3.5 16 improvement actions of the current 30 actions on the plan have been marked as having been fully implemented or marked as complete since the last update was presented to this Committee in September 2023. These actions are marked with a blue status in the plan as set out at Appendix 1.
- 3.6 These completed actions will be removed from the plan and archived following today's meeting.

4. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – SUSTAINABILITY OF PRIMARY CARE

- 4.1 An audit of the Primary Care Improvement Plan was approved as part of the Internal Audit Plan for 2021/22 ([Report G/21/81](#) refers). The scope of this work was to provide assurance to the IJB over the arrangements in place for the implementation of the Primary Care Improvement Plan. Assignments connected with the strategic risks relating to Sustainability of Primary Care

Services were also commissioned by NHS Tayside and Angus IJB. Therefore, to ensure that there was no duplication of audit effort and to ensure that a holistic approach was taken, the Internal Audit team in the NHS undertook these assignments as a combined assignment.

- 4.2 This combined Internal Audit assignment concerning the [Sustainability of Primary Care Services](#) was presented to the Audit and Performance Committee for noting on 13 March 2023.
- 4.3 The assignment presented 7 recommendations. The responsibility for actioning all of these recommendations lay with the Chief Officer of Angus IJB as the Lead Partner for Strategic co-ordination in relation to Primary Care Services.
- 4.4 The 7 recommendations were monitored through the NHS Tayside Audit Follow Up process which requires updates to be taken to the NHS Tayside Audit and Risk Committee. To avoid duplication the position reported to that Committee has been brought to the Perth and Kinross Audit and Performance Committee for information as set out at Appendix 2 and not added to the Partnership Improvement Plan.
- 4.5 Appendix 2 presents the updates provided to NHS Tayside’s Audit and Risk Committee meetings held on 14 September 2023 and 14 March 2024 in relation to the internal audit assignment recommendations.
- 4.6 All 7 recommendations from the assignment have now been completed.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Considerable progress continues to be made against the actions within the Partnership Improvement Plan with the successful completion of 16 important actions as detailed in Appendix 1.
- 5.2 The 7 recommendations included in the combined internal audit assignment concerning the Sustainability of Primary Care Services have now been marked as complete as detailed at Appendix 2.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – PKHS CP Partnership Improvement Plan

Appendix 2 – Sustainability of Primary Care Internal Audit Assignment - Conclusion