



PERTH & KINROSS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

AUDIT & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

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PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT PLAN - UPDATE

**Report by Chief Officer
(Report No. G/23/116)**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

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.

2. BACKGROUND

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

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

Regular 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 two audit assignments have been completed:

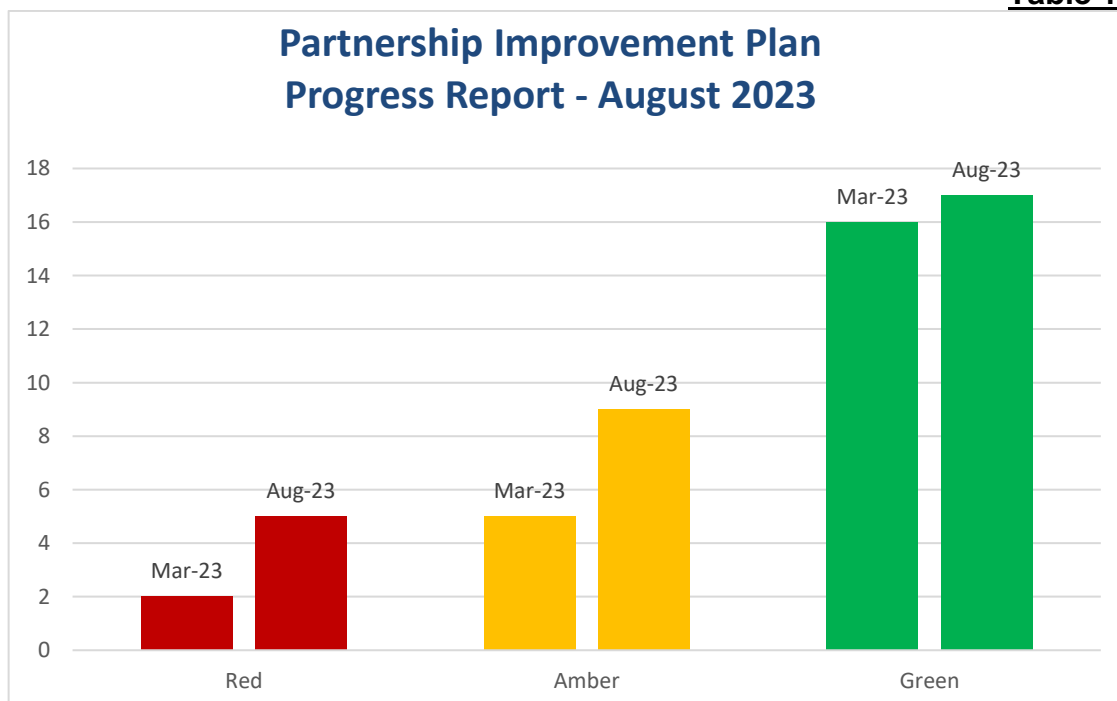
- [Sustainability of Primary Care Services](#) - Report No. PKIJB20-02 – considered at March 2023 A&PC.

- [Annual Internal Audit Report](#) – Report No. G/23/92 - considered at June 2023 A&PC.

No new recommendations have been identified from these two audit reports. Although PKIJB20-02, Sustainability of Primary Care Services, contained seven recommendations, the responsibility for these actions lies with the Chief Officer of Angus IJB.

- 3.2 17 key areas to further strengthen governance arrangements were identified in the preparation of the [Annual Governance Statement](#) (AGS). These were included in the AGS Action Plan for 2023-24 and have now been incorporated into the Partnership Improvement Plan as new actions. This will ensure that progress on these actions can be accurately and efficiently monitored throughout the year.
- 3.3 Five of the improvement actions in the plan are now at a red RAG status is an increase from the previously reported position where two actions were at a red RAG status. Work will continue in the upcoming months to ensure progression on these actions can be implemented and reported back to this Committee. Progress has been made across several areas in the plan with ten outstanding actions now being marked as complete (Blue status) since the last time the Partnership Improvement Plan was reported to the Committee.
- 3.4 Table 1 below shows the full movement in RAG status from the previous Partnership Improvement Plan considered by the Audit and Performance Committee in March 2023.

Table 1



3.5 Improvement actions fully implemented or marked as complete since the last PIP report in March 2023 are as follows:

- (i) The Partnership's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment has been completed and has informed consultation activity (IP21).
- (ii) Better engagement, linkages and relationships have been built with the Community Planning Partnership with Heads of Service routinely attending meetings ensuring cohesion and good partnership working. (IP43)
- (iii) Approved assurance on progress in achieving the IJB's strategic objectives has been achieved through regular updates being provided to the IJB on each of the strategic delivery plans. (IP48)
- (iv) Assurance arrangements for Inpatient Mental Health have been completed via the standing item now being considered at each IJB meeting. (IP52)
- (v) The Scottish Government's potential reclaim of surplus Covid reserves has been considered in terms of the accounting presentation in 2022-23. (IP54)
- (vi) A Primary Care Strategic Delivery plan has been developed and was approved by the IJB in June 2023. (IP60)
- (vii) A Primary Care Premises Strategy has also been developed and approved by the IJB in June 2023. (IP61)
- (viii) The Transformation Board has now been re-established and meets regularly. (IP62)
- (ix) IP23 has been superseded by IP55 and marked as Blue status.
- (x) The Chief Social Work Officer role will now be located with the new Council structure and recruitment is underway and appointment to the role anticipated by end of September 2023. (IP73)

4. CONCLUSION

Considerable progress continues to be made against the actions within the Partnership Improvement Plan with the successful completion of 10 important actions as detailed in section 3.5 above.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – PKHSCP Partnership Improvement Plan.