



PERTH AND KINROSS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

AUDIT & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

13 March 2023

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – SUSTAINABILITY OF PRIMARY CARE

**Report by Chief Officer
(Report No. G/23/24)**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present the Audit & Performance Committee with the Final Internal Audit Report relating to the Perth & Kinross' Primary Care Improvement Plan.

1. BACKGROUND

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 and the report drafted incorporates these wider aspects.

The draft Final Report was presented to the Audit & Performance Committee in November 2022 due to the time taken to finalise the report as a result of the acknowledged complexities in agreeing fully agreed actions. It was agreed that final report would be shared with members of this Committee.

2. THE FINAL REPORT

Following the consideration of this report by the Audit & Performance Committee in November, it has been updated and finalised. There are no significant updates to the document in terms of the findings and opinions

arising from the work undertaken as a result of the further discussion which has taken place. The updates are primarily concerned with providing more detail and clarity around the actions which are to be undertaken to address the control issues and concerns which were raised in the report.

As highlighted previously, it should be noted by this Committee that reasonable assurance can be placed on the arrangements in place in relation to Perth & Kinross' Primary Care Improvement Plan (page 4 of the report) and that the commentary in Section 3, Detailed Findings and Information on page 26, also highlights some areas of good practice. No specific actions arise from this aspect of the report.

3. RECOMMENDATION

The Audit & Performance Committee is asked to note the contents of the final report for the wider review of the strategic risks relating to Primary Care, which incorporates the review of Perth & Kinross' Primary Care Improvement Plan.

4. CONSULTATION

The Interim Chief Finance Officer have been consulted on the content of this paper.

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APPENDICES

1. FTF Internal Audit Service's Final report on Sustainability of Primary Care Services