

**IJB AUDIT COMMITTEE  
17 DECEMBER 2018****ACCOUNTS COMMISSION REPORT NOVEMBER 2018: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE  
INTEGRATION UPDATE ON PROGRESS****Aim**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to bring to the attention of the Members of the IJB Audit Committee a recent report by the Accounts Commission carried out by Audit Scotland on the progress with integration 'Health and Social Care Integration – An Update on Progress'.

**Background**

- 2.1 A report by the Accounts Commission was prepared by Audit Scotland and published on 15 November 2018 'Health and Social Care Integration – An Update on Progress'.
- 2.2 Key Messages: The report highlights that a stronger commitment is needed to collaborative working to achieve the long-term benefits of integration. It goes on to say that change will not happen without meaningful engagement with staff, communities and politicians. The report is also critical of financial planning arrangements being neither integrated nor long-term.
- 2.3 In summarising the key features that must be addressed if integration is to make a meaningful difference to the people of Scotland, the report notes the following:
  - Collaborative leadership and building relationships
  - Integrated finances and financial planning
  - Effective strategic planning for improvement
  - Agreed governance and accountability arrangements
  - Ability and willingness to share information
  - Meaningful and sustained engagement
- 2.4 For information, a further report was prepared by Audit Scotland and was published in October 2018 'NHS in Scotland 2018'.

**Summary**

- 3.1 Within the 'Health and Social Care Integration – An Update on Progress' some case studies were included and Audit Scotland prepared an assessment of progress made against recommendations for the Scottish Government, Integration Authorities, and Integration Authorities with Councils and NHS Boards.
- 3.2 Those involved in the Scottish Borders Health and Social Care Integration Partnership will consider the lessons learned and best practice arising from this national review and report 'Health and Social Care Integration – An Update on Progress'.

## Recommendations

The Scottish Borders Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board's Audit Committee is asked to:

- (a) Consider the publication by Accounts Commission carried out by Audit Scotland on the progress with integration 'Health and Social Care Integration – An Update on Progress'; and
- (b) Approve the proposal to report to a future meeting any lessons and actions required within Scottish Borders Health & Social Care IJB as a result of the report.

<b>Policy/Strategy Implications</b>	The Accounts Commission report prepared by Audit Scotland focussed upon the issues surrounding the implementation of the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014.
<b>Consultation</b>	This is an Accounts Commission report, prepared and published by Audit Scotland.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The implementation of the integration of health and social care is a complex matter and it is important to learn the lessons and best practice from national reviews.
<b>Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity</b>	There are no equalities implications arising from this report.
<b>Resource/Staffing Implications</b>	There are no direct resource/staffing implications arising from this report.

### Approved by

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