
INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD DIRECTIONS: APRIL 2023

**Report by Joint Director, Health and Social Care /
Chief Officer, Integration Joint Board**

Scottish Borders Council

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1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

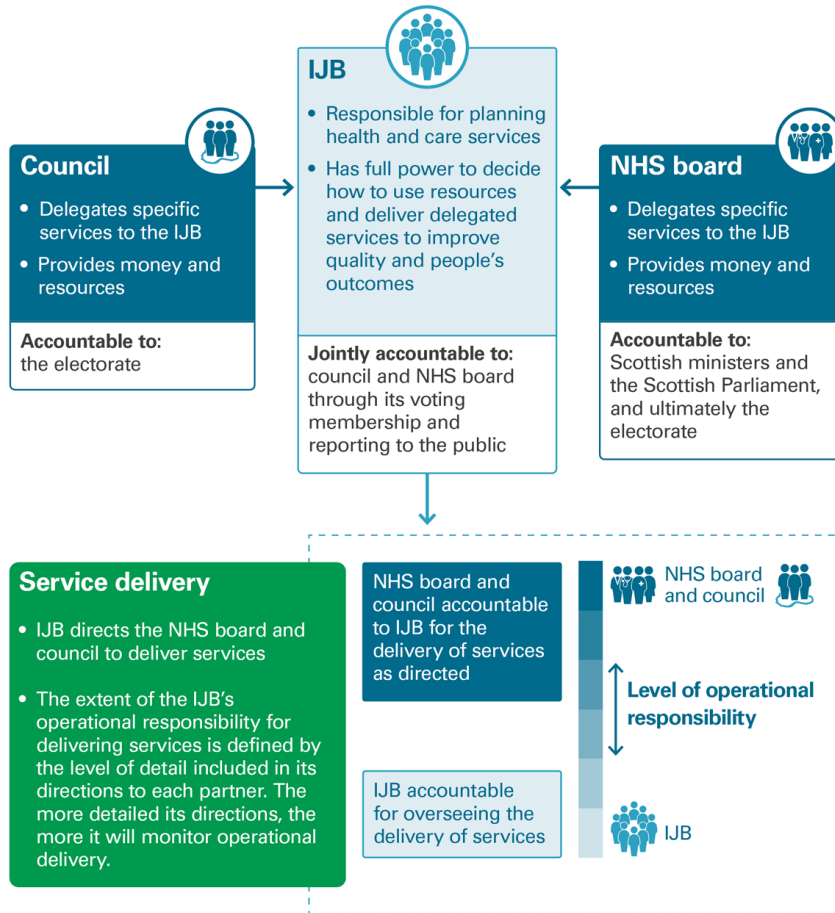
- 1.1 This report provides an update to the Scottish Borders Council on the Directions issued to the Scottish Borders Council from the Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board in their April 2023 meeting.
- 1.2 The Directions issued by the Integration Joint Board in April 2023 relate to the Health and Social Care Partnership Annual Budget and the closure of the Gala Resource Centre.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Council note the Directions issued by the Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board to the Scottish Borders Council**

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (the Act) outlines the arrangements for delegating services and resources from Local Authorities and Health Boards to Integration Joint Boards. These arrangements are summarised at a high level in the Audit Scotland diagram below.



Source: [What is integration? A short guide to the integration of health and social care services in Scotland](#), April 2018, Audit Scotland

- 3.2 Under these arrangements, the responsibility for decisions about the planning and strategic commissioning of all health and social care functions that have been delegated by the Council and the Health Board sit with the Integration Joint Board as a statutory public body.
- 3.3 The Act states that an Integration Joint Board must direct their partner authorities to carry out each function delegated to the Integration Joint Board.
- 3.4 Directions are a legal mechanism intended to clarify responsibilities requirements between partners. The primary purpose of Directions are to set a clear framework for the resourcing and operational delivery of the functions that have been delegated to the Integration Joint Board and to clearly convey the decision(s) made by the Integration Joint Board about any given function(s).

- 3.5 Within our local context, the “Integration Joint Board Directions Policy and Procedure” ensures that all Directions that affect the Scottish Borders Council are developed in partnership between the Integration Joint Board and Scottish Borders Council, so that when they are issued, these are supported and understood.
- 3.6 This update is included to ensure that Integration Joint Board directions issued to the Scottish Borders Council are shared with all Elected Members at Full Council so as to ensure that Elected Members are fully sighted, and as a matter of record.

4 DIRECTIONS ISSUED FOLLOWING IJB MEETING IN APRIL 2023

- 4.1 The “Annual Services and Budget Direction 2023” is enclosed in Appendix 1. This aligns to the budget offer made by the Scottish Borders Council once the budget was set in February 2023. This relates to the annual budget set by the IJB to the Scottish Borders Council and NHS Borders for delegated and hospital ‘set aside’ services. This includes the requirements for oversight of performance, delivery and risk. It also outlines the requirements relating to collaborative and integrated working across the Health and Social Care Partnership.
- 4.2 The “Gala Resource Centre” Direction is enclosed in Appendix 2. This relates to the decision to close the Gala Resource Centre, and develop a service for people with Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

There are no costs attached to any of the recommendations contained in this report, however both Directions contain detail on the impacts on the budget delegated to the Integration Joint Board.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

As Directions are developed in partnership with the Scottish Borders Council, no specific concerns need to be addressed.

5.3 Integrated Impact Assessment

Integrated Impact Assessments have been undertaken in relation to the work that led to both Directions, in line with the Integration Joint Board’s Equality duties in its capacity as a Public Body.

5.4 Sustainable Development Goals

The Integration Joint Board works to achieve the following Sustainable Development Goals:

- Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Goal 8: Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all
- Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries
- Goal 16: Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies

- Goal 17: Revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development

5.5 **Climate Change**

There are no related climate impacts associated with this report.

5.6 **Rural Proofing**

n/a

5.7 **Data Protection Impact Statement**

There are no personal data implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.8 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

No changes to the Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation are required.

6 **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Director (Finance & Corporate Governance), the Monitoring Officer/Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Director (People Performance & Change), the Clerk to the Council and Corporate Communications have been consulted.

Approved by

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Background Papers:

Scottish Borders Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board Directions Policy and Procedure. Available from 12 December 2021 papers (page 21):

<https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s61363/IJB%2015.12.21%20Agenda%20pack.pdf#page=21>

Directions from integration authorities to health boards and local authorities: statutory guidance. Available from: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/statutory-guidance-directions-integration-authorities-health-boards-local-authorities/>

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