

# Integration Joint Board

Date of Meeting: 25 January 2023

**Title of Report: Directions Policy** 

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## The Integration Joint Board is asked to:

Approve the Directions Policy

Approve the direction to partners to implement the policy

#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In November 2022 the IJB was internally audited on its use of Directions resulting in the following recommendations to strengthen the control and governance environment. These are summarised below:

A Directions Policy should be prepared and submitted to the UB Committee for approval and subsequent implementation.

A process should be put in place to monitor progress in implementing directions and this information should be used to update the Directions Log. A unique reference number field should also be added to the Log. Performance reports submitted to JB Committee meetings should include a summary of directions issued and the progress made towards implementing the content of those directions.

This policy outlines the guidance for directions as prescribed by the Scottish Government and appendices the procedure and directions template. Action has been taken to update the referencing and monitoring of the directions for the board.

### Link to guidance:

<u>Directions from integration authorities to health boards and local authorities:</u> <u>statutory guidance - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)</u>

## 2. INTRODUCTION

The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (the Act) places a duty on Integration Authorities to develop a strategic plan, also known as a strategic commissioning plan, for integrated functions and budgets under their control. Integration Authorities require a mechanism to action their strategic commissioning plans and this is laid out in sections 26-28 of the Act. This mechanism takes the form of binding directions from the Integration Authority

### 8. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

In line with support of an equal opportunities approach through the support of good governance in decision making.

# 9. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION PRINCIPLES COMPLIANCE

Directions are subject to GDPR compliance.

### **10.RISK ASSESSMENT**

Good governance in decision making reduces risk across strategic risks.

## 11. PUBLIC & USER INVOLVEMENT & ENGAGEMENT

This recommendation is from internal audit reviewed at the IJB Audit and Risk Committee.

#### 12. CONCLUSIONS

The JB is asked to support the approval of the Directions Policy and the approval of the implementation of the policy across the partnership.

### 13. DIRECTIONS

Directions

# Appendix 1 Directions Policy Direction

Reference Number