

Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board Annual Accounts 2021/2022



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Management Commentary

Purpose

This publication contains the financial statements of Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) for the year ending 31 March 2022.

The Management Commentary outlines the key messages in relation to the IJB's financial planning and performance for the year 2021/22 and how this has supported delivery of the IJB's strategic priorities. As in previous years, this commentary also looks forward, outlining the future plans for the IJB and the challenges and risks which may impact upon our finances in the future, as we continue to support the health and wellbeing of communities in Renfrewshire.

As anticipated in 2020/21, the IJB has continued to address the considerable ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic throughout 2021/22, to ensure safe and effective delivery of services and to protect vulnerable people within our communities, whilst also delivering - where possible - against its Strategic and Medium Term Financial Plans. Notwithstanding the pandemic, the IJB has made steady progress towards delivering on the agreed priorities of these Plans, as covered in greater detail later in this document.

Activity in 2020/21 maintained a strong focus on the immediate and necessary response to the pandemic, however for 2021/22 our main focus was on recovery, building on the learning developed over the past two years. Over the course of the year, significant work has been undertaken with our partners to develop updated Strategic and Medium Term Financial Plans for 2022-25 in anticipation of the renewal of our services next year and beyond. These Plans seek to reflect both the 'new normal' of living with COVID, and the potential for significant future change in how social care services are delivered across Scotland.

The IJB and Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership's (HSCP) Senior Management Team extend our continuing thanks for the outstanding work our staff have undertaken over the past year and commend them for their commitment and fortitude throughout these most challenging of times.

Role and Remit of Renfrewshire IJB

Renfrewshire IJB, formally established on 1 April 2016, has responsibility for the strategic planning and commissioning of a wide range of health and adult social care services within the Renfrewshire area. The functions which are delegated to the IJB, under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, are detailed in the formal partnership agreement between the two parent organisations, Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC). This agreement, referred to as the Integration Scheme, is available within the IJB section of the HSCP's website at: [Health and Social Care Partnership > About Us > Integration Joint Board](#).

Under the requirements of the Act, Local Authorities and Health Boards are required to review Integration Schemes within five years of the scheme being approved in Parliament. On 19 February 2020, Renfrewshire Council's Leadership Board approved a revised version of the Integration Scheme for consultation. However, in light of the pandemic and associated disruption, further work on the progression of an updated Integration Scheme was paused.

At the time of writing, work has recommenced to update the Integration Scheme and confirm the timescales for consultation and subsequent approval. The existing Integration Scheme remains in place.

The Vision for the IJB is:

Renfrewshire is a caring place where people are treated as individuals and supported to live well.

The IJB's primary purpose is to set the strategic direction for the delegated functions through the Strategic Plan.

The IJB comprises eight voting members, made up of four Elected Members appointed by Renfrewshire Council and four Non-Executive Directors appointed by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Non-voting members include the Chief Officer, Chief Finance Officer (CFO), Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO), staff representatives, service professionals, third sector, trade union and carer representatives. [Full membership details are available on the HSCP website](#) and can be found in [appendix 1](#).

There were a number of changes to the IJB membership over the last year, as follows:

Chief Officer

In June 2021, following a competitive recruitment process, Christine Laverty was appointed as Interim Chief Officer for a period of six months, beginning on 28 June 2021, having taken over from previous Interim Chief Officer, Shiona Strachan.

This appointment was further extended in December 2021 on an interim basis until 31 March 2022. Thereafter, following open recruitment, Christine Laverty was appointed as the permanent Chief Officer on 25 April 2022.

IJB Chair and Vice Chair Arrangements

On 15 September 2021, John Matthews OBE was appointed as Chair of the IJB for a period of two years, with former Chair, Councillor Jacqueline Cameron appointed as Vice-Chair of the IJB until the Local Government Elections on 5 May 2022.

Wider Membership Changes

Name	Capacity	Notes
Annie Hair	Trade Union Representative (NHS)	Replacing Amanda-Jane Walton effective of 31 August 2021
Lisa Cameron	Staff Member Representative (Council)	Replacing Louise McKenzie effective of 22 November 2021
Ann Cameron-Burns	Voting Member (NHSGGC)	Replacing Dorothy McErlean from 1 January 2022. Ann also replaced Dorothy on the IJB's Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee.
Vacancy	Medical Practitioner (non-GP)	Dr Shilpa Shivaprasad's membership expired in February 2022 and the IJB will be advised of a replacement, once known.
Paul Higgins	Staff Member Representative (NHS)	Replacing Diane Young from 1 April 2022. Paul also replaced Diane on the IJB's Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee.

Voting Membership Changes

In addition to the above, following the Local Government Elections on 5 May 2022, two new Elected Members were appointed to the IJB as voting members representing Renfrewshire Council. Councillor Fiona Airlie-Nicolson and Councillor Iain McMillan replaced Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes and Councillor James McLaren respectively.

A Profile of Renfrewshire

A full profile of Renfrewshire is set out in our Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and our Strategic Plan. Some of the key population characteristics include the following:

Renfrewshire Population

179,390

0.2% increase from 2019



51.6%
female



48.4%
male



30,182 (17%)
children aged 0-15



115,055 (64%)
adults aged 16-64



34,153 (19%)
adults aged 65 and over

Ethnicity



National Records of Scotland data in 2020 shows that in Renfrewshire:

The ethnic minorities (excluding white minorities) population accounts for 2.8% of the overall local population

4,781 people

65% are Asian, 17% are African, 9% are from multiple ethnic backgrounds, 2% Caribbean and 7% from other ethnic groups

By 2025 it is estimated the population in Renfrewshire will increase to

181,091

Source: NRS Population Estimates Time Series Data

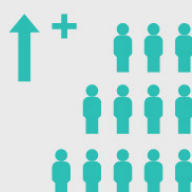


0.9% increase

By 2025 it is estimated the 75 and over population in Renfrewshire will increase to

17,247

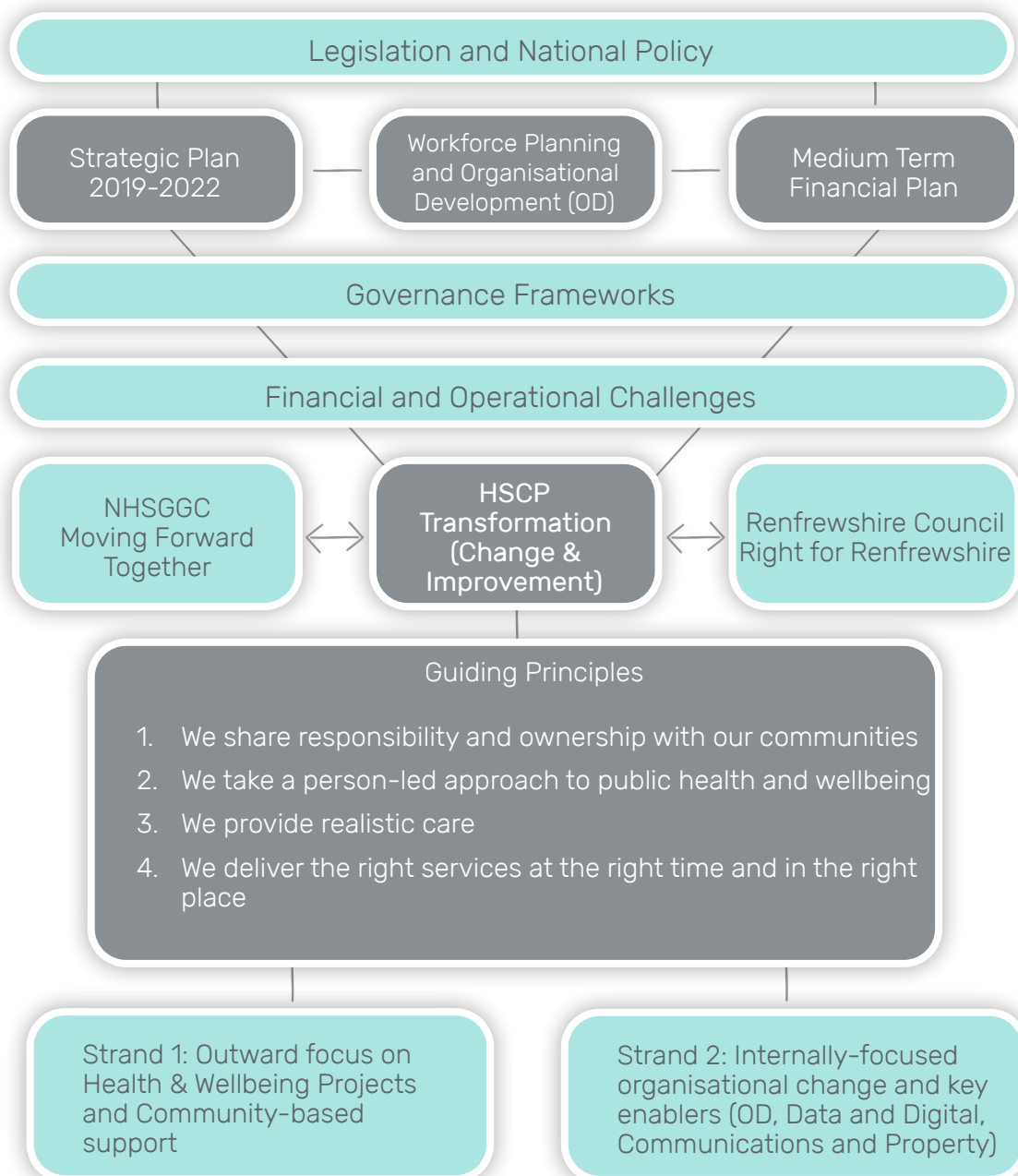
Source: NRS Population Estimates Time Series Data



11.6% increase

Renfrewshire IJB Strategy and Business Model: Determining Operations for the Year

Similar to 2020/21, IJB operations for the year 2021/22 were determined both by the changing situation with the pandemic and by our Strategic and Financial Plans. These plans, as set out in the diagram below, provide the overall strategic direction for the delivery of health and social care services within Renfrewshire, embedding national legislation and policy within Renfrewshire's local context. These plans also reflect, interact with, and support the delivery of a number of key NHS Board and Local Council policies and strategies, including: NHSGGC's Adult Mental Health Strategy, Turning the Tide through Prevention, and the Unscheduled Care Commissioning Plan, and Renfrewshire Council's Social Renewal Plan and Local Housing Strategy. This year was also the final year of delivery of our Strategic Plan 2019-22.



Overview of our Services

Renfrewshire HSCP delivers adult social care services and all community health services for adults and children in the Renfrewshire area. Our service delivery model is structured to deliver the vision and future direction of our HSCP services as set out in the Strategic Plan, which in turn aims to deliver the nine national health and wellbeing outcomes as identified by the Scottish Government.

During 2021/22, the HSCP delivered the following range of services:

Older People Services - A wide range of supports for older adults to live independently through both centre-based and remote (telephone and online) support as well as provision of Care at Home, residential and extra care services, support to those with dementia and with Palliative and End of Life care.

Family Health Services (FHS) - The services delivered through the four primary care disciplines i.e. General Medical Practice, Community Pharmacy, General Dental Practitioners and Optometrists.

Mental Health - Our provision includes access to a range of community based services for people with mental health problems; offering treatment, care, information, advice and support. The HSCP also provides inpatient services for those over the age of 16 with a mental health diagnosis.

Example: Community Safety Nurses



The HSCP has created two Community Safety Nurse posts to provide a specialist mental health resource offering a link between key partners and agencies (such as the police, schools, community organisations) and our community mental health services, to help improve working relationships between partners and agencies, provide greater quality of care, an improved experience for individuals and families, and a reduction in police waiting times at Emergency Departments.

Unscheduled Care - Our 'Set Aside' budget is used in respect of functions delegated by the Health Board which are carried out in a hospital setting. The IJB is responsible for the strategic planning of these, but not their operational delivery.

Example: Home First Response Service



During the last year Renfrewshire HSCP led on the development of the NHSGCC Home First Response Service which will launch in 2022/23, with the aim of reducing unnecessary hospital admissions and thereby reducing pressure on the Acute front door, in line with the Unscheduled Care Commissioning Plan.

Hosted Services – On behalf of NHSGGC, Renfrewshire is the host partnership for:

- Podiatry services, providing screening, assessment, diagnosis, treatment and foot health education, and
- Primary Care Support and Development, working across NHSGGC to support GP and Community Optometry primary care contractors. This includes managing contracts and payments, any changes to practices, linking with eHealth and Premises on support to contractors, and working with HSCPs on future planning and the Primary Care Improvement Plans.

Adult Services – A wide range of support services provided to adults, including: assessment and care management, adult support and protection, support to adults with incapacity, physical disability, sensory impairment, district nursing and rehabilitation services.

Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services (ADRS) – Teams of staff that focus on supporting and enabling recovery for individuals through a range of interventions and therapies.

Example: ADRS – Harm Reduction



The ADRS team provide harm reduction advice and access to residential rehabilitation services, as well as championing the training, distribution and use of Naloxone which is a safe, effective intervention which can help reduce the number of fatal overdoses in our communities.

Learning Disabilities – Specialist team of staff that provide a wide range of services to 500+ adults with a learning disability and/or autism, including: assessment, treatment, care management, day services, supported living opportunities, Respite and Gateway services.

Children's Services – Services provided with an aim to improve the health and wellbeing of children, whilst reducing health inequalities. Service delivery includes Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnership, childhood immunisations and additional support for breastfeeding and Home Start. Our specialist children's services include; child development, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), Speech and Language Therapy and support to children with disabilities.

Example: Families Together Project



Families Together is an HSCP funded project, delivered by Home Start and other partners, to support families with the transitional experiences in early years to nursery and school.

Health Improvement and Inequalities (HI&I) – The HI&I team works with partners and our communities to improve health and wellbeing in Renfrewshire and to reduce inequalities.

COVID Response – A number of our COVID-19 response services also continued throughout this year, including: Care Home Oversight Arrangements, 'Near Me' Remote Consultations, Digital and 'working from home', Bereavement Network, COVID-19 vaccination programme, COVID-19 Assessment Centre (CAC).

Strategic Plan 2019-22

The Strategic Plan (April 2019 to March 2022) set out the vision and future direction of community health and adult social work services in Renfrewshire. It articulated our three key priorities, designed to enable us to deliver upon the national outcomes. These were:

- Improving Health and Wellbeing;
- Ensuring that the people of Renfrewshire get the health and adult social care services they need: the right service, at the right time, in the right place; and
- Working in partnership to support the person as well as the condition.

The Plan also outlined **four main areas** on which the IJB wished to focus efforts across the term of the plan, namely:



As documented throughout these Annual Accounts, the impact of the pandemic resulted in considerable disruption to the planned activity of the HSCP throughout 2021/22. Nonetheless, we continued to drive forward activity against our existing Strategic Plan priorities where possible, whilst simultaneously working with stakeholders, partners and service users to co-produce the themes and objectives which underpin our new Strategic Plan 2022-25.

A detailed assessment of our performance against the Strategic Plan 2019-22 will be published later this year in our Annual Performance Report. The following examples highlight some of the progress achieved in the last year in delivery of the **four main areas** of focus of our Strategic Plan 2019-22:

Prevention



We have helped build the capacity of local people and groups to maintain their own health and wellbeing through the continued funding of projects supporting Community Health and Wellbeing priorities agreed with the Strategic Planning Group (SPG), including:

Roar – Connections for Life: Working alongside Roar - Connections for Life, to improve connectedness and reduce loneliness and isolation, focussing initially on the East End of Paisley. Following a community fun day in August 2021 a number of local groups and organisations are now involved in a Connectedness Network.

Active Communities and One Ren: working together with a number of other local organisations to make healthy choices easy choices by ensuring that being active and eating well are accessible, affordable, enjoyable and local. Active Communities and One Ren have trained local people to become community health champions and aim to develop a network of local tutors who can train in areas such as physical activity, healthy eating and positive mental health.

Self-management



Carers' Passport Scheme: We have helped empower and support people to manage their long-term health conditions through a range of projects, including the Carers' Passport Scheme, which linked with local businesses to provide discounts on goods and services for carers in Renfrewshire and proved a great success.

"What a wonderful, life changing experience the Carers' Passport scheme trial has been for me. Due to my daughter's illness, I put on a lot of weight being isolated at home and stress eating. I became unwell myself and my mental health was in a very bad state. I now really understand the positive effect exercise has on mental health and have found that elusive fitness bug that I never understood before. The potential for healing is quite amazing" - **Carers' Passport Scheme trial: feedback**

Treatment



COVID-19 Assessment Centre: Providing appropriate treatment at the right time and in the right place remains at the heart of what the HSCP does. In the last year we continued to provide support through our community COVID-19 Assessment Centre (CAC).

The CAC was an invaluable service which ensured that COVID-19 symptomatic people could be cared for within the community, while also ensuring hospital and GP capacity was used for those with the most serious illnesses. The CAC was closed on 25 March 2022 having assessed and treated 6,732 patients since it opened at the start of the pandemic, with the youngest being a couple of months of age and the oldest 95 years old. The CAC was open in total for 515 clinical days, including 16 public holidays.



Treatment Rooms: Further supporting the provision of, and access to, treatment at the right time and in the right place, and in line with the [2018 General Medical Services Contract in Scotland](#), the HSCP has established treatment rooms for the provision of Community Treatment and Care (CTAC) Services.

These are services such as phlebotomy, basic disease data collection and biometrics (such as blood pressure), chronic disease monitoring and the management of minor injuries, the responsibility for which is passing from GP practices to HSCPs. To date, five new Treatment Rooms have been set up in Renfrew, Johnstone, Ferguslie and Bishopton with wider plans in place for further development to support ease of access.

Recovery / care / reablement



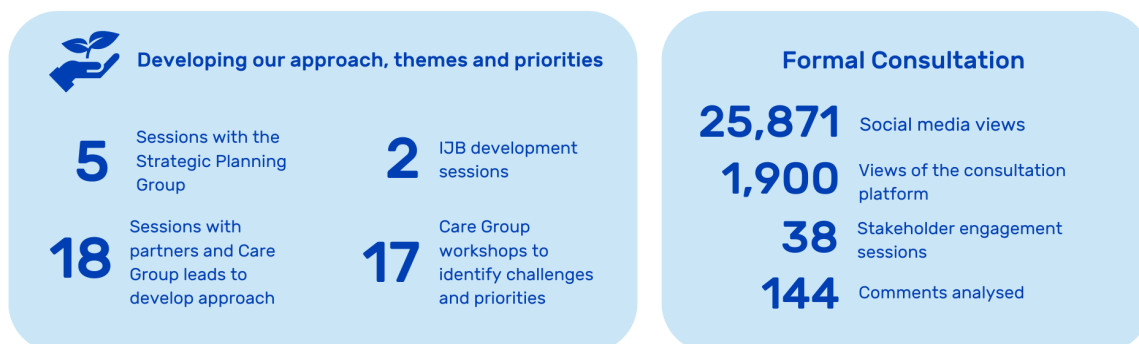
CIRCLE - Recovery Hub: In November 2021 Renfrewshire HSCP opened a new recovery service, CIRCLE (Continuing in Recovery Changes Lives Entirely) on Glasgow Road in Paisley. Working in partnership with local people who have lived or living experiences of mental health, alcohol or drug related issues,

CIRCLE has been developed to provide enhanced support to local people who are on a recovery journey. It will act as a central recovery hub for individuals referred to the service, with recovery activity delivered across local communities throughout Renfrewshire. The service will provide a wide and varied programme of activities, aimed at encouraging, involving and supporting people in recovery.

CIRCLE builds on the work of our local Alcohol and Drug Commission – an independent Commission established in 2019 to assess the true impact of alcohol and drugs in Renfrewshire – to further strengthen the support in Renfrewshire for people in recovery.

Developing our Strategic Plan for 2022-25 – a key priority for the IJB throughout the year

Development of the Strategic Plan has been a priority during the 2021/22 financial year. The HSCP's Planning team have worked closely with NHSGGC's Corporate Planning team and Renfrewshire Council and with our SPG to develop a Plan covering 2022-25. This was approved by the IJB in March 2022.



Our new Strategic Plan takes a different approach to identifying our objectives compared with our previous Strategic Plan; focusing on a range of themes which underpin how we deliver services, rather than looking at individual service areas themselves.

We aim to shape our services around individuals, unpaid carers and communities to support everyone in Renfrewshire to live meaningful lives and achieve their hopes and aspirations. We seek to support the person rather than a condition or particular demographic. Our focus is on helping people to live independently, exercise choice and control over their care and support, and, where necessary, access the appropriate specialist support to help their recovery and rehabilitation where this is possible.

Delivering in Partnership

We are committed to collaborative working and have a strong track record of delivering with our partners. So, when the pandemic began to impact upon people's lives across Renfrewshire, we already had the infrastructure and relationships in place to provide a quick, flexible response to address people's rapidly changing needs in this challenging period.

"In many ways, the crisis has brought SPG members closer than ever; the relationships formed and developed during 2020 are strong. A recognition perhaps, that only in working together can we possibly tackle the aftermath of the pandemic, because we need one another".

– Karen McIntyre, Engage Renfrewshire, Co-chair of the SPG

The Renfrewshire Clinical and Care Oversight Group, which was established at the beginning of the pandemic, is a further example of partnership working in practice.

The group was created to support the newly established Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) which aims to strengthen and enhance professional clinical and care oversight of **Care Homes** and **Care at Home** services.

"It's great to know we can call and ask for advice. The direction is good and is developing into much more of a team involvement - encouraging for all staff and residents".

- Independent Renfrewshire Care Home provider feedback

This approach built upon existing good practice, and brought together colleagues from the HSCP, NHS Public Health and Care Inspectorate. With residents' wellbeing as a primary focus, this way of working enabled faster access to specialist support from a range of sources, such as the HSCP Clinical Director and Senior Clinician, HSCP Chief Nurse, HSCP Contracts Manager, Service Planning and Policy Manager, Chief Social Work Officer and Renfrewshire Council's Chief Executive's Service.

The Role of Care Planning Groups in Defining our Objectives

Our themes, outlined below, represent a different approach from our 2019-22 Strategic Plan, which was structured around each care group. Our new Strategic Plan has a change of focus from individual care groups, to five themes which were agreed with our refreshed Care Planning Groups. Our strategic objectives were also identified through engagement and discussion with these groups as well as with a range of partnership forums.

In addition to supporting the objectives described in this Strategic Plan, our Care Planning Groups will also lead the delivery and monitoring of supporting actions within our services over the lifetime of our Strategic Plan. We will develop an Annual Strategic Delivery Plan, outlining how we will deliver the strategic objectives identified, informed by annual development plans for each care group. Our first Annual Strategic Development Plan will be published in June 2022.

The five themes of our new Strategic Plan are:

 <p>Healthier futures</p>	<p>People experience reduced inequalities and improved health and wellbeing through early action and prevention of more complex need.</p>
 <p>Connected futures</p>	<p>People are supported to recover, or manage disabilities and long-term conditions, and to live as safely and independently in their own home or community as possible.</p>
 <p>Enabled futures</p>	<p>Our services are clinically safe and people have access to the appropriate specialist support to aid them in their recovery and rehabilitation, where possible.</p>
 <p>Empowered futures</p>	<p>People access the right care at the right time and place and are empowered to shape their support at every stage of life.</p>
 <p>Sustainable futures</p>	<p>We maximise the impact of our people and resources by working collaboratively across sectors to deliver integrated services.</p>

COVID-19 Recovery and Renewal

As noted at the start of this document, the focus of 2021/22 was largely that of **recovery** and planning for the **renewal** of services. The successful implementation of the COVID vaccination programme in disrupting the link between infections, hospitalisations and deaths allowed the HSCP to take stock and to consider how best to move forward in supporting our communities through and beyond the pandemic.

However, 2021/22 was also marked by recurrent waves of the virus, with the Omicron variant in early 2022 resulting in particular challenges in relation to staff infection and absence rates. Given the need to continue to deliver our essential operational activities effectively and safely it therefore was, and continues to be, necessary to flex the scale of recovery and renewal activity. That said, the IJB was able to progress with a number of initiatives through our Recovery and Renewal Programme, including:



Funding for a range of community-led health and wellbeing projects through the SPG, including a project to develop inclusive, multi-lingual information for those most at risk and isolated in ethnic minority communities.



The aforementioned development of a Renfrewshire Recovery Hub, CIRCLE, providing a shared resource for supporting recovery in both mental health and addictions.



The continued delivery of sustainability payments to providers to ensure, where possible, their continued financial sustainability through this turbulent time.



Furthering our use of technological solutions, at pace and in response to emerging opportunities, to deliver better productivity and more effective ways of working, such as our TotalMobile scheduling system, the rollout of which continued throughout the last year.



Despite the Data Standards and Assurance team working entirely remotely, the IJB also completed the second phase of their transformation journey by going live with ECLIPSE for Adult Social Work during the pandemic. Now that ECLIPSE is in place, the team is working to strengthen relationships while also empowering professionals through intuitive self-service and reduced administration.



Embracing hybrid working by supporting staff to work from home where appropriate to do so; capitalising on lessons learned from the early days of the pandemic and offering more flexible ways of working for staff.

Looking ahead, we have developed a set of principles to underpin our ongoing organisational recovery from the pandemic. These are reflected in our new Strategic Plan and are as follows:

COVID-19 Recovery: Our Principles



Maintaining Health and wellbeing



Focusing on service stability



Maintaining flexibility in our pandemic response



Evaluating COVID practice and impact and building on what works

Renfrewshire's Medium Term Financial Plan






The Renfrewshire IJB Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 – 2025/26 outlined the anticipated financial challenges and opportunities that the partnership expected over that five-year period and provided a framework which would support the partnership to remain financially sustainable. It was designed to complement the Strategic Plan, highlighting how the IJB's financial planning principles would support the delivery of the IJB's strategic objectives and priorities. It set out the IJB's **two-tiered model** for delivering financial sustainability **by addressing short-term financial pressures, through 'Tier One' savings** in Financial Year 2020/21, whilst embedding **a strategic approach to transformation through 'Tier Two' savings** from Financial Year 2021/22 onwards.

The unforeseen events of the COVID-19 pandemic created considerable unanticipated pressures for the IJB and prompted a shift in the focus of the HSCP and our partners' activities. Whilst many of the elements of our previous MTFP – including our two-tiered model – remain, the pandemic has accelerated the delivery of some of our objectives, made others increasingly important, and lowered the priority of some of our previously agreed actions. Alongside the development of our new Strategic Plan, and in line with Scottish Government guidance – specifically around the enablers for strategic planning and service delivery through aligned Strategic, Financial, Operational, Workforce and Primary Care Improvement Plans – it was consequently necessary to update our supporting MTFP.

Our new **Medium Term Financial Plan 2022 – 2025** was approved by the IJB in March 2022. The new plan reflects the impact of COVID-19 and other emerging issues facing the IJB. Bringing together a range of assumptions on future income and expenditure its intention is to outline, in broad terms, specific service and funding issues over the next three-year period and how the IJB should work towards achieving financial sustainability and resilience, whilst delivering its priorities.

As was the case prior to the pandemic, the IJB's financial planning arrangements remain subject to active review, to enable us to continue to plan for a range of potential outcomes and scenarios. This helps us to manage emerging financial risks and challenges and the likely impact these could have on the financial position of the IJB.

Our new plan will deliver a number of benefits to Renfrewshire HSCP including:

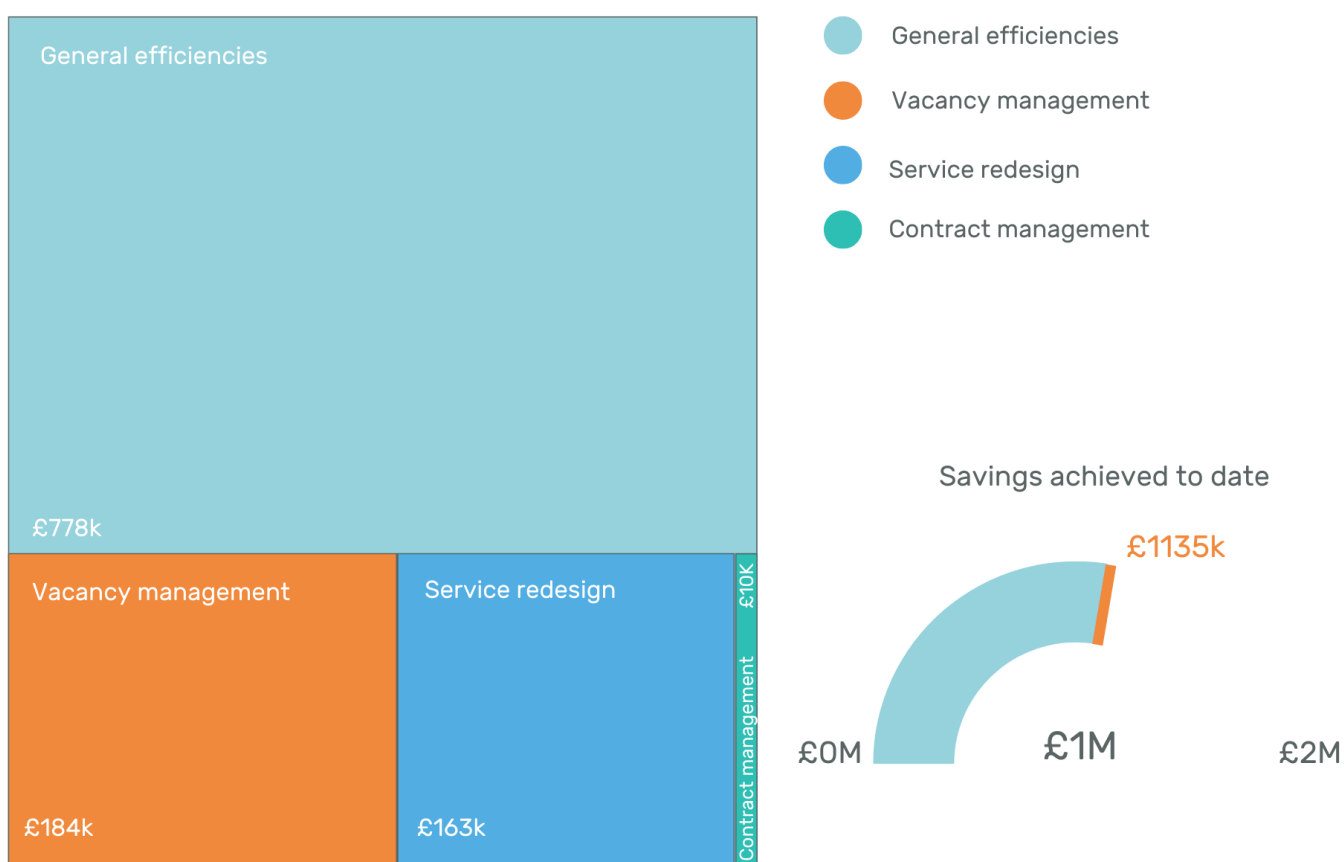
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 Playing an important role in the HSCP's strategic planning process, to ensure that where possible resources are targeted at the delivery of the priorities of the Strategic Plan
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 Helping inform IJB decision making to effectively assess the potential financial impact of current and future decisions to ensure the HSCP remains financially sustainable
- 
 Providing a basis for engaging with partner bodies in relation to the annual budget setting process
- 
 Supporting the required transformation, to provide sustainable services to the local community to secure financial sustainability
- 
 In line with national direction, supporting the delivery of the Strategic Plan and setting out our plans to progress the shift in the balance of care to a community setting, in readiness for the establishment of the planned National Care Service.

An update on savings

Responding to the disruption of plans to deliver our **two-tiered model**, the HSCP's SMT has implemented a rolling process to enable the identification of savings opportunities which can contribute to the ongoing sustainability of the IJB's financial position and ensure the continued delivery of best value.

Each savings opportunity is subject to rigorous assessment of possible risks and expected impact to ensure that these are appropriately managed. Where appropriate, equality impact assessments (EQIAs) are carried out to determine and mitigate against any unintended negative impact on the different groups of citizens covered under the Equality Act 2010. The delivery of agreed savings is coordinated and tracked through a financial benefits management tracker providing the SMT with a consolidated overview of the status of all approved savings, thereby ensuring early awareness of any blockers or challenges to delivery, and for corrective measures to be put in place, where necessary.

Savings value by type



As can be seen from the above excerpts from the tracker, the IJB delivered 100% of its full year target for 2021/22 of £1,135k. Those relating to general efficiencies accounted for the highest value, with smaller values targeted against vacancy management, service redesign and contract management.

Further scoping work will take place across 2022/23 to determine the transformation projects (**Tier Two savings**) of greatest strategic importance for the IJB and the communities it serves, including how the IJB will deliver on the aims of the Unscheduled Care Commissioning Plan, to be progressed over the next few years.

Service Performance 2021/22

The Partnership produced its sixth [Annual Performance Report](#) on 25 June 2021 covering the period 2020/21.

An overview of our performance for 2021/22 is included below.

Performance Indicator Status	Direction of Travel
● Target achieved	↑ Improvement
● Warning	↓ Deterioration
● Alert	— Same as previous reporting period

94.9%

direction of
travel



Uptake rate of child health 30-month assessment.
National Target: 80%

The rate has increased from 87% of eligible families in 2020/21 to 94.9% in 2021/22.

Number of carers accessing training.
National Target: 220

Performance has increased from 165 at March 2021, to 282 at March 2022 against a target of 220.

282

direction of
travel



90.9%

direction of
travel



Percentage of patients who started treatment within 18 weeks of referral to Psychological Therapies.
National Target: 90%

Performance has increased from 86.8% at March 2021 to 90.9% at March 2022.

Exclusive breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks.
National Target: 21.4%

Performance has decreased from 26.8% at March 2021 to 19.7% at March 2022, below the target of 21.4%.

19.7%

direction of
travel



83.7%

direction of
travel



Percentage of diabetic foot ulcers seen within 2 working days in Clyde*. National Target: 90%

Performance increased from 75.0% in March 2021 to 83.7% in March 2022.

* Clyde refers to a sector of NHSGGC which includes Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and parts of West Dunbartonshire.

29%direction of
travel

Percentage of long term care clients receiving intensive home care
National Target: 30%

Performance has remained stable with no change since March 2021.

Percentage of diabetic foot ulcers seen within 2 working days
in NHSGGC. National Target: 90%

Performance increased from 75.0% in March 2021 to 86.9% in
December 2021.

86.9%direction of
travel**11.8%**direction of
travel

Exclusive breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks in the most deprived areas.
National Target: 19.9%

Performance has decreased from 23.3% at March 2021 to 11.8%
at March 2022, below the target of 19.9%.

The percentage of children seen within 18 weeks for paediatric
Speech and Language Therapy assessment to appointment.
NHSGGC Target: 100%

Performance has seen a decrease from 63% at March 2021 to
52.7% at March 2022.

52.7%direction of
travel**6.52%**direction of
travel

Sickness absence rate HSCP NHS staff.
NHSGGC Target: 4%

The sickness absence performance has increased from 5.65%
at March 2021 to 6.52% at March 2022, against the national NHS
Scotland target of 4%.

Sickness absence rate for HSCP Adult Social Work staff
(work days lost per FTE).
Target: 15.3 days

Performance at March 2022 was 17.79 days lost against a
target of 15.3 days for the full 2021/22 year.

17.79direction of
travel

Financial Performance 2021/22

COVID-19 continued to severely impact public services throughout 2021/22 with a changing demographic and increased demand for services compounded by the ongoing pandemic and the associated emergency response.

The financial position for public services continues to be challenging. This requires the IJB to have robust financial management arrangements in place to deliver services within the funding available in-year as well as plan for the years ahead.

Financial performance is an integral element of the HSCP's overall performance management framework. Through regular updates to the IJB from the CFO, members are provided with a detailed analysis of significant variances and reserves activity. This ensures that where required, early decisions are taken to support medium and long-term financial sustainability.

Resources Available to the IJB 2021/22

Renfrewshire IJB delivers and commissions a range of health and adult social care services to the population of Renfrewshire. This is funded through budgets delegated from both Renfrewshire Council and NHSGGC. The resources available to the IJB in 2021/22 to take forward the commissioning intentions of the IJB, in line with the Strategic Plan, totalled £351,045k.



Resources available 2021/22
£351,045k



Set Aside budget
£63,579k

Included within the Resources Available to the IJB is a 'Large Hospital Services' (Set Aside) budget totalling £63,579k. This budget is in respect of those functions delegated by the Health Board which are carried out in a hospital within the Health Board area. The Set Aside resource for delegated services provided in acute hospitals is determined by analysis of hospital activity and actual spend for that year.

The impact of COVID-19 resulted in a reduction in activity in Renfrewshire in 2021/22, leading to a reduction in costs associated with COVID-19 included within the Set Aside total; £37,000k for this year compared to £43,000k in 2020/21. These costs were fully funded by the Scottish Government. However, the overall figure for Set Aside across NHSGGC increased in 2021/22 as the reduction in activity was offset by an increase in additional expenditure, predominantly as a result of additional staff costs, increased beds, additional cleaning, testing, equipment and PPE.

Summary of Financial Position

Throughout 2021/22, the CFO's budget monitoring reports to the IJB projected an underspend, prior to the transfer of year-end balances to Earmarked Reserves at the financial year-end.

As detailed in the following tables the IJB final outturn position for 2021/22 was an underspend of £32,899k (prior to the transfer of ring-fenced year-end balances to Reserves), including the net impact of delivering additional services as part of the IJB's response to COVID-19, and for which additional funding was provided by the Scottish Government at regular intervals.

Once all ring-fenced balances have been transferred to the relevant earmarked reserve in line with Scottish Government guidance the revised outturn for the IJB is an underspend of £2,266k.

Divison	Year-end Outturn (prior to the transfer of balances to Reserves)	Year-end Outturn
Total Renfrewshire HSCP (excluding COVID-19 and other ring-fenced funding)	Underspend £2,292k	Underspend £2,292k
Other Delegated Services	Overspend (£26k)	Overspend (£26k)
Subtotal	Underspend £2,266k	Underspend £2,266k
COVID-19	Underspend £16,453k	Breakeven
Other ring-fenced Funding	Underspend £14,180k	Breakeven
Subtotal	Underspend £30,633k	Breakeven
GRAND TOTAL (inclusive of COVID-19 and other ring-fenced funding)	Underspend £32,899k	Underspend £2,266k

Final HSCP Outturn Position 2021/22

Care Group	Final Budget	Spend to Year-end (before movement to reserves)	Variance
	£000's		
Adults and Older People	73,553	65,721	7,832
Mental Health	27,835	27,662	173
Learning Disabilities	19,453	19,193	260
Children's Services	8,287	6,660	1,627
Prescribing	37,688	36,396	1,292
Health Improvement and Inequalities	1,153	830	323
Family Health Services	57,172	57,172	-
Resources	9,206	4,508	4,698
Hosted Services	11,642	11,375	267
Resource Transfer	-	-	-
Social Care Fund	-	-	-
Set Aside	63,579	63,579	-
NET EXPENDITURE (before delegated services)	309,568	293,096	16,472
Other Delegated Services	1,069	1,095	(26)
NET EXPENDITURE before COVID	310,637	294,191	16,446
COVID-19	17,288	835	16,453
NET EXPENDITURE	327,925	295,026	32,899

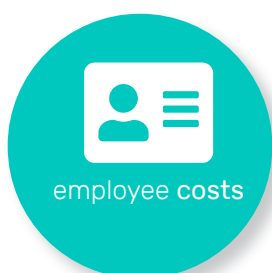
Note: The net expenditure figure differs to that of the Comprehensive Income Expenditure Statement (CIES) due to differences in the presentation of earmarked reserves; resource transfer and social care adjustments.

The IJB's allocation of COVID-19 monies during 2021/22 accounts for £16,453k of the overall underspend position reflecting funding in advance of need to address COVID-19 expenditure commitments in 2022/23.

In addition, a further £14,180k in relation to in-year allocations from the Scottish Government was received in 2021/22 relating to ring-fenced funding to meet specific commitments and must be carried forward to meet the conditions attached to the receipt of the funding.

The amounts received in 2021/22 are higher than in previous years reflecting additional funding allocated during 2021/22 to implement national policy commitments. The level of reserves to be carried forward for these funding streams are reflective of the timing of when this funding was received and the difficulty in securing full spend before the financial year-end.

Beyond this, there are a number of reasons for the HSCP operational underspend of £2,266k this year, and these include:



Employee costs: net underspend of £417k: there are ongoing challenges in terms of recruitment and retention issues across all service areas due to the limited availability of the skills mix required within the workforce market, especially in the current pandemic. These are issues that are being faced by IJBs across Scotland, not only in Renfrewshire.

Care Home Placements: underspend £2,105k: similar to the position reported throughout 2020/21, the Care Home budget delivered a significant underspend in 2021/22. This position reflects the impact of COVID-19 on the ability of care homes to take new admissions, and greater numbers of clients choosing to remain at home for longer.



Transport: underspend £420k: this underspend is reflective of services currently operating at a reduced capacity throughout 2021/22.

Prescribing: underspend £1,273k: similar to the position in 2020/21, prescribing volumes were lower than in previous years in addition, there were one-off windfalls from discount rebates and tariff swap reductions.



Care at Home: overspend of (£1,456k): spend within care at home increased significantly throughout 2021/22 as the service continued to support delayed discharges and demand. In addition, the current pandemic has seen an unprecedented increase in sizeable care at home packages significantly impacting an already pressured budget.

The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES) (on page 48) describes income and expenditure by client group across the HSCP. The financial statements (pages 48 to 61) are prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). These figures therefore differ from the figures in the tables contained within the management commentary which have been prepared using the year-end position recorded in both the Health and Social Care financial ledgers.

The CIES is required to show the surplus or deficit on services and the impact on both general and earmarked reserves. The final position for 2021/22 was an overall surplus/increase to earmarked reserves of £24,043k.

The table below summarises how the £24,043k movement in reserves in 2021/22 was realised:

	£000's
2021/22 Final Outturn	32,899
less:	
Other Delegated Services	26
= 2021/22 underspend transferred to reserves at year-end	32,925
add:	
Earmarked Reserves for fixed term posts approved by the IJB on 17 September 2021	2,700
less:	
Total reserves drawn down in 2021/22	(11,582)
= Movement in reserves 2021/22	24,043

Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic

In addition to the areas of pressure described earlier, Renfrewshire IJB implemented a number of business continuity and revised governance arrangements to operationally manage and respond to the impact of COVID-19 on its services. The IJB has been actively responding to the COVID-19 pandemic since February 2020.

As the situation has changed over the last year, the IJB has responded to changes in restrictions, lockdowns and frequently changing guidance on a range of COVID-19 related matters issued to health and social care from Scottish Government, Health Protection Scotland and other statutory and regulatory bodies.

Critical frontline services have continued to be delivered during this period whilst at the same time the IJB has been required to deliver new services with partners to support the national response to the pandemic including:



Planning and delivery of a comprehensive COVID-19 vaccination programme in Renfrewshire. Working with colleagues in the Local Authority to enable and operationalise our Mass Vaccination Centres for local residents whilst in parallel leading on our immunisation efforts across our staff, housebound and care home groups in the first instance in line with Scottish Government direction. In addition, the HSCP also led a vaccination programme to support the planning and delivery of our local implementation of the winter flu vaccination across similar care groups.



Oversight, management and distribution of PPE and testing supports via a centralised Hub to our distribution of PPE and testing kits to our own services and those delivered by the third sector, independent social care providers and unpaid carers.



New dedicated Community Assessment Centre to provide streamlined services to assess people presenting with COVID-19 symptoms.



Supporting the health and wellbeing of our staff and wider communities during the pandemic.



Additional financial support to third sector and independent social care providers and hospices who are key to our response to the pandemic.

Throughout 2021/22, the CFO regularly provided estimated costs to the Scottish Government through our Local Mobilisation Plan (LMP) Financial Tracker. This fed into the collective NHSGGC response together with our five partner HSCPs in the NHSGGC area. These reflected regularly updated guidance from the Scottish Government regarding changes to provider sustainability payments, as well as the impact of any other emerging changes to policy.

During the last quarter of 2021/22, the Scottish Government allocated funding in respect of likely costs which will be incurred in 2022/23, in particular the ongoing requirement for PPE and the potential for additional staffing costs and support to social care providers if staff are required to isolate as a consequence of contact tracing or contracting COVID-19.

The following table shows that in 2021/22, the IJB received funding of £17,242k and have utilised £7,593k. This leaves a net surplus of £16,453k (including the funding brought forward from 2020/21), reflecting funding in advance of need which has been placed in an earmarked reserve to address COVID-19 expenditure commitments in 2022/23 and beyond.

Summary of Scottish Government COVID-19 Funding	£000's
Funding brought forward from 2020/21:	6,804
New funding received in 2021/22	17,242
Total Funding Available	24,046
Less: Total Drawn Down 31/03/22	(7,593)
= Surplus	16,453
Transfers to reserves:	(16,453)
= Surplus	0

The IJB's Annual Accounts can only include expenditure which is undertaken on a principal basis. The IJB acts as principal when it controls the transaction and has responsibility for making decisions in relation to how it is enacted. The 2021/22 IJB Annual Accounts therefore only includes £7,593k of additional costs as a result of COVID-19. This has been fully funded by the Scottish Government and these Accounts have been prepared on the assumption that this will continue to be the case moving forward into 2022/23. The total Set Aside costs for NHSGGC also include £37,000k of COVID-19 costs, which have been fully funded by the Scottish Government.

Reserves

It is important for the long-term financial stability and the sustainability of the IJB that sufficient usable funds are held in reserve to manage unanticipated pressures from year to year. The requirement for financial reserves is acknowledged in statute and is part of a range of measures in place to ensure that s106 public bodies do not over-commit themselves financially.

General Reserves

The IJB approved its revised Reserves Policy in June 2020, in line with national guidance and good financial governance. The policy allows for flexibility in terms of potential fluctuations. It allows for the IJB to increase unallocated reserve balances significantly where resources permit, providing future financial resilience for those years where the level of resources available to the IJB may be significantly constrained and will require a draw down from unallocated reserves in order to deliver financial balance.

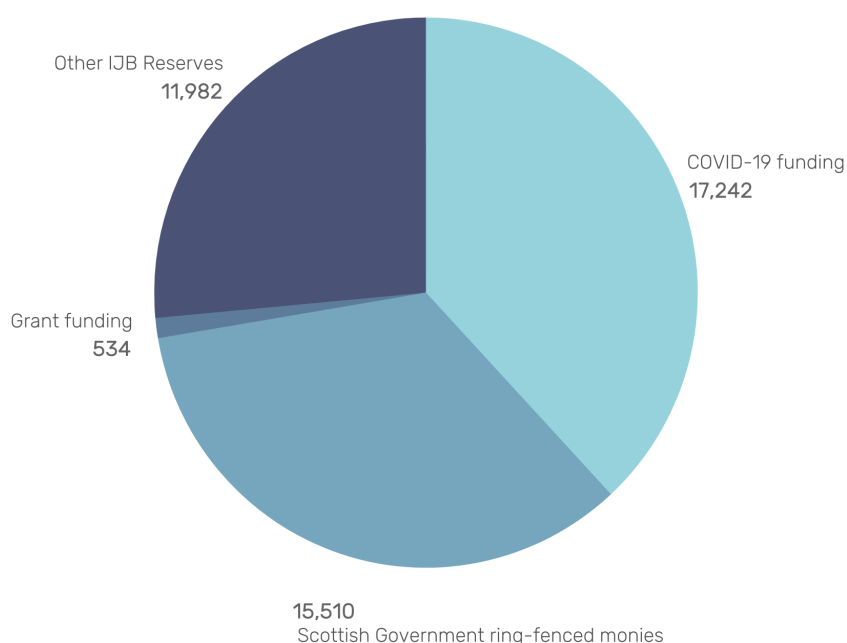
The IJB currently holds £5,781k of general reserves which are not held to meet any specific liability and offer the IJB some flexibility to deal with unforeseen events or emergencies. These reserves are considered appropriate to the level of risk faced by the organisation and equate to c2% of the IJB's net budget (including Set Aside), bringing this in line with the targeted 2% in the IJB's Reserves Policy. This is recognised as best practice and provides the IJB with the financial capacity to manage financial risks from year to year.

Earmarked Reserves

It is also important that in-year funding available for specific projects and government priorities are able to be earmarked and carried forward into the following financial year, to allow spend to be committed and managed in a way that represents best value for the IJB in its achievement of the national outcomes.

The IJB has cumulative earmarked reserves of £45,268k. As ring-fenced funding allocations are to meet specific commitments, they must be carried forward to meet the conditions attached to their receipt. The amounts allocated in 2021/22 are significantly higher than in previous years, reflecting additional funding allocated in 2021/22 to implement national policy commitments. The level of funding to be carried forward via earmarked reserves is also reflective of the timing of when this funding was received, and the limitations in delivering full spend prior to the financial year-end.

The following graph provides a high-level summary of how the earmarked reserves are categorised.



Risk Management Framework

The IJB's Risk Management Framework was revised in March 2021 in recognition of the impact of COVID-19 on all aspects of the IJB's responsibilities. The revised framework reflects the outcomes of a review of risk management practice across other HSCPs, and consideration of the necessary governance arrangements to ensure a consistent yet flexible approach to managing risk within the complex environment that the IJB operates, and it will be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains robust and effective.

The revised framework includes updates to the IJB's risk tolerance statement to provide greater flexibility, a refresh of the approach to risk management governance, and a review of roles and responsibilities within the Framework. It also provides a consistent approach for identifying and managing key risks and issues. In particular, there are a number of financial challenges facing the IJB which have the potential to affect the financial sustainability of the partnership, with consequent impact to service delivery, including:



Future funding levels from our partner organisations

The terms attached to funding streams (particularly where ring-fenced and/or time limited)



The expectation that services implemented specifically to address issues during the pandemic will continue, whilst their funding streams may not

Our ability to recruit and retain quality staff to continue to deliver services at current or increased levels



The potentially significant structural, organisational and governance change involved in the creation of a National Care Service, which could be challenging to resource alongside operational commitments

The challenge of delivering services as outlined within the GP contract / PCIP by the required timelines, due to the scale of work required, workforce availability and allocated funding



Limited capital funding and the complexities of co-ordinating relevant property strategies and planning between partner organisations creating additional challenges in delivering the IJB's Strategic Plan in the medium-to long-term

Acknowledgements

We acknowledge the significant effort required to both produce the Annual Accounts and successfully manage the finances of the IJB, and we thank the Finance team and colleagues in other services within the Partnership for their continued hard work and support.

John Matthews

John Matthews OBE

Chair, Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board

Date: 25 November 2022



Christine Laverty

Christine Laverty

Chief Officer

Date: 25 November 2022



Sarah Lavers

Sarah Lavers CPFA

Chief Finance Officer

Date: 25 November 2022



Statement of Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the IJB

The IJB is required to:

- Make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that the proper officer of the board has responsibility for the administration of those affairs (section 95 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973). In this IJB, that officer is the Chief Finance Officer.
- Manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets.
- Ensure the Annual Accounts are prepared in accordance with legislation (The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014), and so far, as is compatible with that legislation, in accordance with proper accounting practices (section 12 of the Local Government in Scotland act 2003).
- Approve the Annual Accounts.

I confirm that these Annual Accounts were approved for signature at a meeting of Renfrewshire IJB held on 25 November 2022.

Signed on behalf of Renfrewshire IJB

John Matthews

John Matthews OBE

Chair, Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board

Date: 25 November 2022

Responsibilities of the Chief Finance Officer

The Chief Finance Officer is responsible for the preparation of the IJB's Annual Accounts in accordance with proper practices as required by legislation and as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Accounting Code).

In preparing the Annual Accounts, the Chief Finance Officer has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently
- made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent
- complied with legislation
- complied with the local authority Code (in so far as it is compatible with legislation).

The Chief Finance Officer has also:

- kept proper accounting records which were up-to-date
- taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

I certify that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Renfrewshire IJB as at 31 March 2022 and the transactions for the year then ended.

Sarah Lavers

Sarah Lavers CPFA

Chief Finance Officer

Date: 25 November 2022

Remuneration Report

The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI No. 2014/200) require local authorities and IJBs in Scotland to prepare a Remuneration Report as part of the annual statutory accounts.

The information in the tables below is subject to external audit. The explanatory text in the Remuneration Report is reviewed by the external auditors to ensure it is consistent with the financial statements.

Voting Board Members

Voting IJB members constitute councillors nominated as board members by constituent authorities and NHS representatives nominated by NHSGGC. The voting members of the Renfrewshire IJB were appointed through nomination by NHSGGC and Renfrewshire Council.

Voting board members do not meet the definition of a 'relevant person' under legislation. However, in relation to the treatment of joint boards, Finance Circular 8/2011 states that best practice is to regard Convenors and Vice-Convenors as equivalent to Senior Councillors. The Chair and the Vice Chair of the IJB should therefore be included in the IJB remuneration report if they receive remuneration for their roles. For Renfrewshire IJB, neither the Chair nor Vice Chair receives remuneration for their roles.

The IJB does not pay allowances or remuneration to voting board members; voting board members are remunerated by their relevant IJB partner organisation.

The IJB does not have responsibilities, either in the current year or in future years, for funding any pension entitlements of voting IJB members. Therefore, no pension rights disclosures are provided for the Chair or Vice Chair. For 2021/22, no voting members received any form or remuneration from the IJB. There were no exit packages payable during the financial year.

Officers of the IJB

The IJB does not directly employ any staff in its own right, however specific post-holding officers are non-voting members of the Board.

Under Section 10 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, a Chief Officer for the IJB must be appointed and the employing partner has to formally second the officer to the IJB. The remuneration terms of the Chief Officer's employment were approved by the IJB.

No other staff are appointed by the IJB under a similar legal regime. Other non-voting board members who meet the criteria for disclosure are included in the following table:

Salary, fees & allowances 2020/21 £	Total remuneration 2020/21 £	Name and Post Title	Salary, fees & allowances 2021/22 £	Total remuneration 2021/22 £
-	-	C Laverty Chief Officer, Renfrewshire IJB (28 June 2021 – 31 March 2022)	90,090 (*FYC 111,723)	90,090 (*FYC 111,723)
46,100 (**FYC 108,298)	46,100 (**FYC 108,298)	S Strachan Interim Chief Officer, Renfrewshire IJB (1 April 2021 – 27 June 2021)	36,250	36,250
94,186	94,186	S Lavers Chief Finance Officer, Renfrewshire IJB	95,672	95,672

*FYC: (Full Year Cost) includes full year salary to 31 March 2022 for Christine Laverty who took up the CO post on 28 June 2021.

**FYC: relates to the total cost of Shiona Strachan filling both her role as Head of Service (April – November 2020) and Interim Chief Officer (December 2020 – March 2021).

Pension Benefits

In respect of officers' pension benefits the statutory liability for any future contributions to be made rests with the relevant employing partner organisation. On this basis, there is no pensions liability reflected on the IJB balance sheet for the Chief Officer or the Chief Finance Officer.

The IJB, however, has responsibility for funding the employer contributions for the current year in respect of the officer time spent on fulfilling the responsibilities of their role on the IJB. The following table shows the IJB's funding during the year to support officers' pension benefits. The table also shows the total value of accrued pension benefits which may include benefits earned in other employment positions and from each officer's own contributions.

Name and Post Title	In-year Pension Contributions*		Accrued Pension Benefits		
	For Year to 31/03/21 £	For Year to 31/03/22 £		As at 31/03/21 £	As at 31/03/22 £
C Laverty Chief Officer, Renfrewshire IJB	-	17,387 (**FYE 21,466)	Pension	-	8,340
			Lump sum	-	-
S Lavers Chief Finance Officer, Renfrewshire IJB	18,174	18,368	Pension	42,602	45,417
			Lump sum	66,258	66,821

* C Laverty started post of Interim Chief Officer on 28 June 2021; S Strachan, Interim Chief Officer was employed as a consultant and therefore not part of the current pension scheme.

**FYE - Full Year Estimate includes an estimate of the full year pension contributions to 31 March 2022 for C Laverty who took up the CO post on 28 June 2021,

Disclosure by Pay Bands

As required by the regulations, the following table shows the number of persons whose remuneration for the year was £50,000 or above, in bands of £5,000. In 2021/22 there were no employees in the range £50,000 to £89,999.

Number of Employees 31 March 2021	Remuneration Band	Number of Employees 31 March 2022
1	£90,000 - £94,999	-
-	£95,000 - £99,999	1
1	£105,000 - £109,999	-
-	£110,000 - £114,999	1

John Matthews

John Matthews OBE

Chair, Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board

Date: 25 November 2022

Christine Laverty

Christine Laverty

Chief Officer

Date: 25 November 2022

Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

The Annual Governance Statement explains the IJB's governance arrangements and reports on the effectiveness of the IJB's system of internal control.

Scope of Responsibility

The IJB is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and appropriate standards, that public money is safeguarded, properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. The IJB also aims to foster a culture of continuous improvement in the delivery of the IJB's functions and to make arrangements to secure best value.

To meet this responsibility, the IJB has established arrangements for governance which includes a system of internal control. The system is intended to manage risk to support the achievement of the IJB's policies, aims and objectives. Reliance is also placed on the NHSGGC and Renfrewshire Council systems of internal control which support compliance with both organisations' policies and promotes achievement of each organisation's aims and objectives.

This system can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness.

The IJB has adopted governance arrangements consistent, where appropriate, with the principles of CIPFA¹ and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) framework "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government" and the CIPFA Financial Management Code 2019 (FM Code). This statement explains how the IJB has complied with the governance arrangements and meets the requirements of the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the UK, which details the requirement for an Annual Governance Statement.

Purpose of the Governance Framework

The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, and culture and values, by which the IJB is directed and controlled. It enables the IJB to monitor the achievement of the objectives set out in the Strategic Plan. The governance framework is continually updated to reflect best practice, new legislative requirements and the expectations of stakeholders.

The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the IJB's objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them effectively.

Governance Framework and Internal Control System

The Board of the IJB comprises the Chair and seven other voting members. Overall, four are Council Members nominated by Renfrewshire Council, and four are Board members of NHSGGC. There are also a number of non-voting professional and stakeholder members on the IJB Board. Stakeholder members currently include representatives from the third and independent sector bodies, carers and service users. Professional members include the Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer. The IJB, via a process of delegation from NHSGGC and Renfrewshire Council, and its Chief Officer, has responsibility for the planning, resourcing and operational delivery of all delegated health and social care within its geographical area.

¹ CIPFA – The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

The main features of the governance framework in existence during 2021/22 were:

Principles

- The IJB follows the principles set out in CoSLA's Code of Guidance on Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound for both resources delegated to the IJB by the Health Board and Local Authority and resources paid to its Local Authority and Health Service partners.

Formal frameworks

- The IJB is formally constituted through the Integration Scheme agreed by Renfrewshire Council and NHSGGC and approved by Scottish Ministers.
- The IJB operates within an established procedural framework. The roles and responsibilities of Board members and officers are defined within: Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration; Contract Standing Orders; Scheme of Delegation, and Financial Governance arrangements; these are subject to regular review.
- A Local Code of Corporate Governance was approved by the IJB early in 2017 which is subject to ongoing updates as required. Board members adhere to an established Code of Conduct and are supported by induction and ongoing training and development. Staff 'Performance and Personal Development' (PPD) schemes are also in place, the aim of which is to focus on performance and development that contributes towards achieving service objectives.
- The HSCP has a robust Quality, Care and Professional Governance Framework and supporting governance structures which are based on service delivery, care and interventions that are: person centred, timely, outcome focused, equitable, safe, efficient and effective. This is reported annually to the IJB and provides a variety of evidence to demonstrate the delivery of the core components within the HSCP's Quality, Care and Professional Governance Framework and the Clinical and Care Governance principles specified by the Scottish Government. The most recent report – covering the period April 2020 to March 2021 – was reviewed by the IJB in September 2021. It noted that governance arrangements which had been suspended or augmented at the start of the pandemic had now been fully reinstated using virtual methods, and that work had also been taken forward to strengthen local governance arrangements within Mental Health, Addictions and Learning Disabilities.

Strategic planning

- The overarching strategic vision and objectives of the IJB are detailed in the IJB's Strategic Plan – newly updated and approved for 2022–25 – which sets out the key outcomes the IJB is committed to delivering with its partners.
- The Strategic Planning Group sets out the IJB's approach to engaging with stakeholders. Consultation on the future vision and activities of the IJB is undertaken with its Health Service and Local Authority partners. The IJB publishes information about its performance regularly as part of its public performance reporting.
- The Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2025/26 outlined the financial challenges and opportunities the HSCP anticipated over that five-year period and provided a framework which would support the HSCP to remain financially sustainable. It complemented the Strategic Plan 2019-2022, highlighting how the HSCP Medium Term Financial Planning principles would support the delivery of the IJB's strategic objectives and priorities.
- Given the much changed national and local context within which the IJB will be working over the next three years, the MTFP was updated and approved by the IJB in March 2022. As with the previous iteration, the new MTFP highlights the key financial challenges the IJB faces, as well as the strategic aims that it aspires to deliver and the community priorities that it strives to meet.
- For 2021/22, the HSCP has an interim Workforce Plan, developed in partnership with its parent organisations. Work is currently ongoing to develop a detailed Workforce Plan for 2022-25, aligning with the Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Plan covering the same period. This will be published by the end of October 2022 in line with Scottish Government timelines.

Oversight

- Effective scrutiny and service improvement activities are supported by the formal submission of reports, findings and recommendations by Inspectorates and the appointed Internal Audit service to the HSCP's SMT, the IJB and the IJB Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee, as appropriate.
- Performance management, monitoring of service delivery and financial governance is provided by the HSCP to the IJB, who are accountable to both the Health Board and the Local Authority. It reviews reports on the effectiveness of the integrated arrangements including the financial management of the integrated budget. This ensures there is regular scrutiny at senior management, committee and Board level. Performance is linked to delivery of objectives and is reported regularly to the IJB. Information on performance can be found in the Annual Performance Report published on the Renfrewshire HSCP website.

Risk management

- The IJB's risk management processes are well developed. The Risk Management Framework was last reviewed in early 2021 to reflect the maturity of the IJB and its approach to managing risk in the context of the pandemic, and was subsequently approved by the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee in March 2021. This review process considered leading practice in other IJBs and comparable organisations and resulted in significant changes in the overarching framework and supporting risk management processes within the HSCP (with regards reporting, ownership, the establishment of a risk network, and development of additional guidance and training).
- The framework sets out the principles by which the HSCP and IJB identify and manage strategic and operational risks impacting upon the organisation, and forms a key strand of the IJB's overall governance mechanisms. This Risk Framework is reviewed every two years, with the next review scheduled in early 2023.
- The IJB's approach to managing its obligations with regards public records as set out in the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 is outlined in the IJB Records Management Plan.
- Staff are made aware of their obligations to protect client, patient and staff data. The NHS Scotland Code of Practice on Protecting Patient Confidentiality has been issued to all staff.
- Staff are also required to undertake annual mandatory training on information security.

Financial control

- Responsibility for maintaining and operating an effective system of internal financial control rests with the Chief Finance Officer. The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information, Financial Regulations and Standing Financial Instructions, administrative procedures (including segregation of duties), management and supervision, and a system of delegation and accountability. Development and maintenance of these systems is undertaken by managers within the HSCP supported by NHSGGC and Renfrewshire Council in relation to the operational delivery of health and social care services.

Transformational change

- The HSCP's medium term approach (Tier Two) to financial planning recognised the need to transform the way in which the HSCP delivers services, to ensure the sustainability of health and social care services going forward. COVID-19 significantly disrupted the IJB's delivery of its 2020/21 Financial Plan, requiring a re-evaluation and reprofiling of the delivery of approved in-year (Tier One) savings. Transformational (Tier Two) changes were disrupted and delayed; as was work to bring forward and develop a second tranche of savings for 2021/22 and beyond. Nonetheless, the IJB remained focussed on delivering the transformation programme and seeking to deliver targeted savings where necessary, focusing on mitigating the risk of financial instability. Accordingly, in the summer of 2020, the IJB approved the development of a Recovery and Renewal Programme. The programme builds on and supports our two-tier model for delivering financial sustainability.

COVID-19 Supplementary Governance Arrangements

The governance context in which the IJB operates has been impacted by the need to implement business continuity processes in response to the significant public health challenge presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to adapt to the challenge of planning and delivering health and social care services during the pandemic the IJB has had to adapt its governance structures accordingly.

During the first year of the pandemic a number of key meetings were established to enable regular dialogue on key and emerging issues. At Board level, this included the Strategic Executive Group (SEG) and Chief Officers (HSCP) Tactical Group to consider and agree arrangements for HSCPs and IJBs within the NHSGGC area. At a local level, an Emergency Management Team (EMT) was established by Renfrewshire Council and a Local Response Management Team (LRMT) was established by the HSCP.

As we moved into the second year of responding to the pandemic, the requirement for separate fora to manage issues regarding COVID-19 lessened as pandemic management actions were embedded fully in the day-to-day governance and operational management of the IJB, HSCP and our partners. As a result, the EMT and LRMT were stood down and were replaced by enhanced Local Authority Corporate Management Team (CMT) arrangements, and enhanced HSCP Senior Management Team (SMT) arrangements respectively, both of which were stepped up in frequency during surges of the virus. At the time of writing, the SEG and Chief Officers Tactical Group remain operational.

Additionally, the temporary decision-making arrangements approved by the IJB in March 2020, whereby authority is delegated, if required, to meet immediate operational demand, to the Chief Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the IJB, were reinstated in January 2022 in response to the impact of the Omicron variant. These arrangements were in place until March 2022 however they were not required to be used.

Renfrewshire IJB continues to work with partners to participate in the wider response to the pandemic at Health Board and national level and is a key participant in the Council family and NHSGGC governance structures working with other HSCPs to manage the impact of the pandemic.



Review of Adequacy and Effectiveness

The IJB has responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of effectiveness of the system of internal control and the quality of data used throughout the organisation. The review is informed by the work of the SMT (who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework environment), the work of the internal auditors and the Chief Internal Auditor's annual report, and reports from external auditors and other review agencies and inspectorates.

The review of the IJB's governance framework is supported by a process of self-assessment and assurance certification by the Chief Officer. The Chief Officer completes "Self-assessment Checklists" as evidence of review of key areas of the IJB's internal control framework, these assurances are provided to Renfrewshire Council and NHSGGC. The SMT has input to this process through the Chief Finance Officer. In addition, the review of the effectiveness of the governance arrangements and systems of internal control within the Health Board and Local Authority partners places reliance upon the individual bodies' management assurances in relation to the soundness of their systems of internal control. There were no internal control issues identified by the review. In addition, the Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer are satisfied that the organisation has adopted a response that is appropriate for its fraud and corruption risks and commits to maintain its vigilance to tackle fraud.

Internal Audit undertakes an annual programme following an assessment of risk completed during the strategic audit planning process. The appointed Chief Internal Auditor provides an annual report to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee and an independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the governance framework, risk management and internal control.

Due to the nature of IJB Board Membership, a conflict of interest can arise between an IJB Board Members' responsibilities to the IJB and other responsibilities that they may have. The IJB has arrangements in place to deal with any conflicts of interest that may arise. It is the responsibility of Board and Committee Members to declare any potential conflicts of interest, and it is the responsibility of the Chair of the relevant Board or Committee to ensure such declarations are appropriately considered and acted upon.

The arrangements continue to be regarded as fit for purpose in accordance with the governance framework and the FM Code.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Chief Officer is the Accountable Officer for the IJB and has day-to-day operational responsibility to monitor delivery of integrated services, with oversight from the IJB.

The IJB complies with the CIPFA Statement on "The Role of the Chief Finance Officer in Local Government 2014". The IJB's Chief Finance Officer has overall responsibility for HSCP's financial arrangements and is professionally qualified and suitably experienced to lead the IJB's finance function and to direct finance staff.

The IJB complies with the requirements of the CIPFA Statement on "The Role of the Head of Internal Audit in Public Organisations 2019". The IJB's appointed Chief Internal Auditor has responsibility for the IJB's internal audit function and is professionally qualified and suitably experienced to lead and direct internal audit staff. The Internal Audit service operates in accordance with the CIPFA "Public Sector Internal Audit Standards 2017".

Board members and officers of the IJB are committed to the concept of sound internal control and the effective delivery of IJB services. The IJB's Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee operates in accordance with CIPFA's Audit Committee Principles in Local Authorities in Scotland and Audit Committees: Practical Guidance for Local Authorities.

The Committee's core function is to provide the IJB with independent assurance on the adequacy of the risk management framework, the internal control environment and the integrity of the financial reporting and governance arrangements.

Internal audit opinion

No system of internal control, nor Internal Audit, can provide absolute assurance. On the basis of audit work undertaken during the reporting period and the assurances provided by the partner organisations, the Chief Internal Auditor is able to conclude that a reasonable level of assurance can be given that the system of internal control, risk management and governance is operating effectively within the organisation.

Certification

On the basis of assurances provided, we consider that the internal control environment operating during the reporting period provides reasonable and objective assurance that any significant risks impacting upon the achievement of our principal objectives will be identified and actions taken to avoid or mitigate their impact. Systems are in place to continually review and improve the internal control environment and the following action plan is in place to identify areas for improvement.

Action Plan

Following consideration of the review of adequacy and effectiveness the following action plan has been agreed to ensure continual improvement of the IJB's governance. Regular updates on progress of the agreed actions will be monitored by the IJB's Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee.

A copy of the agreed Action Plan is included in the following table:

Agreed Action	Responsible Person	Date
Develop the Strategic Delivery Plan for Year 1 of the Strategic Plan - informed by relevant Care Planning Groups – setting out success measures and milestones, to evidence how the agreed strategic objectives will be progressed each year.	Head of Strategic Planning and Health Improvement	Complete
Develop a new three-year Workforce Plan to help address challenges in recruitment and retention, providing detail on how the IJB will endeavour to ensure that the workforce is adequately resourced and has the qualifications, knowledge, skills and resilience required to deliver safe, fit for purpose services that deliver real improvements to the health and wellbeing of Renfrewshire's population.	Head of Strategic Planning and Health Improvement	Complete

Update on 2020/21 Action Plan

Agreed Action	Progress	Responsible Person	Date
<p>Further the implementation of the IJB's Risk Management Framework through delivery of risk management training with the IJB Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Risk management training was delivered to the IJB's Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee (and additional IJB members who wished to attend) in November 2021. The timing of the training reflected wider work being undertaken to embed the framework, and availability of key staff.</p>	<p>Head of Strategic Planning and Health Improvement</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>Work with the Strategic Planning Group to develop and consult on an updated Strategic Plan 2022-25, reflecting the impact of COVID and the need for flexibility within the current policy environment, for IJB approval in March 2022</p>	<p>Renfrewshire HSCP's Strategic Plan for 2022-25 was approved by the IJB in March 2022. Our new plan reflects the COVID-19 response and the impact of the pandemic across our communities, and of how the HSCP has worked flexibly to re-focus our priorities to adapt to the needs of the rapidly changing environment. The Plan looks to continue to progress those priorities which have increased in importance in the last two years.</p> <p>We have taken a different approach to identifying our objectives in the new Plan, focusing on a range of themes which underpin how we deliver services, rather than looking at individual service areas themselves. We have also sought to place equalities and lived and living experience at the heart of our Plan. The new Plan has been developed through engagement and consultation with Care Groups and our wider communities.</p>	<p>Head of Strategic Planning and Health Improvement</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>Update the HSCP Medium Term Financial Plan to account for the ongoing impact of COVID-19, aligning where possible to the recommendations in the Independent Review of Adult Social Care, and link to the refreshed HSCP Strategic Plan</p>	<p>The IJB's new Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2022-25 was approved in March 2022. The new Plan reflects the impact of COVID-19 and other emerging issues facing the IJB. It seeks to outline the specific service and funding issues over the next three-year period and how the IJB will work towards achieving financial sustainability and resilience, whilst delivering its priorities.</p> <p>As with the new Strategic Plan, the MTFP aims to be cognisant of, and responsive to, the national context. This includes both considerations around policy and the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Chief Finance Officer</p>	<p>Complete</p>

Update on 2020/21 Action Plan cont...

Agreed Action	Progress	Responsible Person	Date
<p>As set out in our Strategic Plan 2019-2022 we will further the establishment of unified quality care and professional governance arrangements.</p>	<p>As outlined in our Quality, Care and Professional Governance annual report 2020/21 (published September 2021) Renfrewshire HSCP has successfully continued to further the establishment of unified quality, care and professional governance arrangements. Throughout the pandemic Renfrewshire HSCP have sought to continue services wherever possible, adapting to reflect the most effective way of working with patients and service users. New arrangements have been necessary to strengthen oversight of care homes and help care providers deal with pandemic pressures.</p> <p>We will continue to work in a way that fosters continuous improvement in clinical, quality and safety at all times. Through our governance arrangements we will ensure safe and effective quality care has a focus on management of risk, of improving care and delivering better outcomes.</p>	<p>Chief Finance Officer</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>Assess the implications of agreed recommendations taken forward following the Independent Review of Adult Social Care (Feeley Review), with a particular focus on implications for IJB governance, and provide regular assessments to the IJB.</p>	<p>The IJB approved a response to the National Care Service Consultation in October 2021.</p> <p>Analysis of the consultation was published in February 2022 and indicated that overall, a majority are broadly supportive of the proposals. Draft legislation was introduced within the Scottish Parliament on 20 June 2022.</p> <p>In anticipation of the progression of these plans, Renfrewshire HSCP has created a number of posts to help support us to deliver on the recommendations and the next stages of the wider NCS proposals as they are taken through parliament.</p>	<p>Chief Officer</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Update on 2019/20 Action Plan

Agreed Action	Progress	Responsible Person	Date
<p>Reprofile scheduling of 2020/21 savings targets and transformational activity for period to 2022/23 in response to COVID-19 crisis and implement robust programme and benefits management to ensure continued financial control.</p>	<p>By end March 2022, all outstanding approved savings had been successfully delivered.</p> <p>Further scoping will take place across 2022/23 to determine the transformation projects of greatest strategic importance for the IJB and the communities it serves.</p>	<p>Chief Finance Officer</p>	<p>March 2023</p>
<p>Implement standing agenda item at each IJB Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee to provide update on transformational activity and benefits management in line with above reprofiling.</p>	<p>As previously noted, our Transformation Programme was paused in March 2020 to enable the HSCP to focus on critical and essential services.</p> <p>Prioritisation of transformational activity will continue across 2022/23 and updates to the IJB's Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee will commence from March 2023, with a view to deliver key transformational activity by end 2024/25.</p>	<p>Chief Finance Officer</p>	<p>Updated timescale: March 2023</p>
<p>Put in place a plan to review, on a rolling basis, IJB key governance documents, including for example Standing Orders, Scheme of Delegation and Financial Regulations.</p>	<p>Key governance documents are reviewed on an ongoing basis, as required, and considered through the IJB's Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee and/or the IJB, as appropriate.</p> <p>Work is underway to take forward the development of an updated Scheme of Delegation for the IJB that explicitly sets out the arrangements that are in place regarding delegations to officers and those that remain within the remit and responsibility of the parent organisations.</p>	<p>Head of Strategic Planning & Health Improvement</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Working with NHSGGC and the five other HSCPs within NHSGGC, develop commissioning plans in relation to acute Set Aside resources.</p>	<p>In September 2021 the IJB received a report on the Board-wide draft Unscheduled Care Joint Commissioning Plan, which was subsequently agreed by the other five HSCPs in NHSGGC.</p> <p>The final version of the HSCP-led NHSGGC Unscheduled Care Joint Commissioning Plan was presented to the IJB in March 2022.</p>	<p>Head of Health and Social Care (Paisley)</p>	<p>Complete</p>

Update on 2018/19 Action Plan

Agreed Action	Progress	Responsible Person	Date
<p>Implement Ministerial Steering Group Review of Integration Proposals and Self Actions identified to be delivered over 2019/20, including; the development of commissioning plans to support the implementation of the Set Aside arrangements; working closely with the IJB and the Director of Finance for NHSGGC to ensure that all possible steps are taken to enable the IJB to approve the delegated health budget prior to the start of the financial year.</p>	<p>As above, the final version of the HSCP-led NHSGGC Unscheduled Care Joint Commissioning Plan was presented to the IJB in March 2022. Contained within the Plan was a Financial Framework to support its delivery, developed in partnership with all six IJBs and the NHSGGC Board.</p>	<p>Head of Health and Social Care (Paisley)</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>Carry out a review of the Renfrewshire Integration Scheme in line with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014)</p>	<p>At the time of writing, work is ongoing between Renfrewshire Council, the other five Local Authorities within Greater Glasgow and Clyde and NHSGGC Board to confirm the timescales for consultation, and subsequent approval of, Integration Schemes. The existing Integration Scheme will remain in place until this time.</p>	<p>Chief Officer</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Conclusion and Opinion on Assurance

While recognising the importance of continuous improvement, as detailed above, it is our opinion that reasonable assurance can be placed upon the adequacy and effectiveness of the IJB's governance arrangements.

We consider that the internal control environment provides reasonable and objective assurance that any significant risks impacting on the IJB's principal objectives will be identified and actions taken to avoid or mitigate their impact.

Systems are in place to regularly review and improve the internal control environment and the implementation of the action plan will be monitored by the HSCP Senior Management Team throughout the year.

John Matthews

John Matthews, OBE
Chair, Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board

Date: 25 November 2022

Christine Laverty

Christine Laverty
Chief Officer

Date: 25 November 2022

Independent auditor's report to the members of Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board and the Accounts Commission

Reporting on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on financial statements

I certify that I have audited the financial statements in the annual accounts of Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board for the year ended 31 March 2022 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. The financial statements comprise the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, Movement in Reserves Statement, Balance Sheet, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK adopted international accounting standards, as interpreted and adapted by the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 (the 2021/22 Code).

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view in accordance with applicable law and the 2021/22 Code of the state of affairs of Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board as at 31 March 2022 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, as interpreted and adapted by the 2021/22 Code; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, and the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)), as required by the [Code of Audit Practice](#) approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I was appointed by the Accounts Commission on 26 September 2022. The period of total uninterrupted appointment is one year. I am independent of Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. Non-audit services prohibited by the Ethical Standard were not provided to Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern basis of accounting

I have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work I have performed, I have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's ability to

continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

These conclusions are not intended to, nor do they, provide assurance on Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's current or future financial sustainability. However, I report on Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's arrangements for financial sustainability in a separate Annual Audit Report available from the [Audit Scotland website](#).

Risks of material misstatement

I report in my Annual Audit Report the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement that I identified and my judgements thereon.

Responsibilities of the Chief Finance Officer and the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities, the Chief Finance Officer is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, and for such internal control as the Chief Finance Officer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Chief Finance Officer is responsible for assessing Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless there is an intention to discontinue the Integration Joint Board's operations.

The Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. I design procedures in line with my responsibilities outlined above to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Procedures include:

- obtaining an understanding of the applicable legal and regulatory framework and how Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board is complying with that framework;
- identifying which laws and regulations are significant in the context of Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board
- assessing the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur; and
- considering whether the audit team collectively has the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

Irregularities that result from fraud are inherently more difficult to detect than irregularities that result from error as fraud may involve collusion, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. The capability of the audit to detect fraud and other irregularities depends on factors such as the skilfulness of the perpetrator, the frequency and extent of manipulation, the degree of collusion involved, the relative size of individual amounts manipulated, and the seniority of those individuals involved.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Reporting on other requirements

Opinion prescribed by the Accounts Commission on the audited part of the Remuneration Report

I have audited the part of the Remuneration Report described as audited. In my opinion, the audited part of the Remuneration Report has been properly prepared in accordance with The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014.

Other information

The Chief Finance Officer is responsible for other information in the annual accounts. The other information comprises the Management Commentary, Annual Governance Statement, Statement of Responsibilities and the unaudited part of the Remuneration Report.

My responsibility is to read all the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except on the Management Commentary and Annual Governance Statement to the extent explicitly stated in the following opinions prescribed by the Accounts Commission.

Opinions prescribed by the Accounts Commission on the Management Commentary and Annual Governance Statement

In my opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Management Commentary for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that

report has been prepared in accordance with statutory guidance issued under the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003; and

- the information given in the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and that report has been prepared in accordance with the Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework (2016).

Matters on which I am required to report by exception

I am required by the Accounts Commission to report to you if, in my opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements and the audited part of the Remuneration Report are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit.

I have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Conclusions on wider scope responsibilities

In addition to my responsibilities for the annual accounts, my conclusions on the wider scope responsibilities specified in the Code of Audit Practice, including those in respect of Best Value, are set out in my Annual Audit Report.

Use of my report

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 120 of the Code of Audit Practice, I do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

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25 November 2022

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

This statement shows the cost of providing services for the year according to accepted accounting practices. It includes, on an accruals basis, all expenses and related income.

2020/21 Gross Exp. £000's	2020/21 Gross Income £000's	2020/21 Net Exp. £000's		Note	2021/22 Gross Exp. £000's	2021/22 Gross Income £000's	2021/22 Net Exp. £000's
83,587	(10,959)	72,628	Adults and Older People		87,794	(11,142)	76,652
27,146	(319)	26,827	Mental Health		30,984	(434)	30,550
29,473	(1,612)	27,861	Learning Disabilities		31,160	(1,475)	29,685
6,389	(446)	5,943	Children's Services		6,696	(371)	6,325
34,814		34,814	Prescribing		36,396		36,396
963	(73)	890	Health Improvement and Inequalities		1,220	(59)	1,161
53,633	(282)	53,351	Family Health Services		58,305	(1,134)	57,171
6,902	(237)	6,665	Resources		6,919	(196)	6,723
12,610	-	12,610	COVID-19		6,951		6,951
10,995	(185)	10,810	Hosted Services	12	11,986	(1,273)	10,713
64,738		64,738	Set Aside for Delegated Services Provided in Large Hospitals	5	63,579		63,579
893	(127)	766	Services Delegated to Social Care	9	1,218	(123)	1,095
332,143	(14,240)	317,903	Total Costs of Services		343,208	(16,207)	327,001
	(335,392)	(335,392)	Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income	6		(351,044)	(351,044)
332,143	(349,632)	(17,489)	(Surplus) or deficit on Provisions of Services (movements in Reserves)		343,208	(367,251)	(24,043)

*Figures shown in brackets represent income or gains and figures without brackets represent expenditure or loss.

There are no statutory or presentation adjustments which affect the IJB's application of the funding received from partners. The movement in the General Fund balance is therefore solely due to the transactions shown in the CIES. Consequently, an Expenditure and Funding Analysis is not provided in these annual accounts as it is not required to provide a true and fair view of the IJB's finances.

Movement in Reserves Statement

This statement shows the movement in the year on the IJB's reserves. The movements which arise due to statutory adjustments which affect the General Fund balance are separately identified from the movements due to accounting practices.

	General Fund Balance £000's	Earmarked Reserves £000's	Total Reserves £000's
Movement in Reserves during 2020 – 2021:			
Opening Balance at 31 March 2020	(1,401)	(8,116)	(9,517)
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			
(Increase) in 2020/21	(4,380)	(13,109)	(17,489)
Closing Balance at 31 March 2021	(5,781)	(21,225)	(27,006)
Movement in Reserves during 2021 – 2022:			
Opening Balance at 31 March 2021	(5,781)	(21,225)	(27,006)
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure			
(Increase) in 2021/22		(24,043)	(24,043)
Closing Balance at 31 March 2022	(5,781)	(45,268)	(51,049)

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet shows the value of the IJB's assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2022. The net assets of the IJB (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held by the IJB.

31 March 2021 £000's		Notes	31 March 2022 £000's
27,006	Short Term Debtors	7	51,049
27,006	Current Assets		51,049
-	Short Term Creditors	7	-
-	Current Liabilities		-
27,006	Net Assets		51,049
(5,781)	Usable Reserves: General Fund	8	(5,781)
(21,225)	Usable Reserves: Earmarked	8	(45,268)
(27,006)	Total Reserves		(51,049)

The Statement of Accounts presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the IJB as at 31 March 2022 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

The unaudited accounts were issued on 24 June 2022 and the audited accounts were authorised for issue on 25 November 2022.

Balance Sheet signed by:

Sarah Lavers

Sarah Lavers CPFA
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 25 November 2022

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies

General Principles

The Financial Statements summarise the transactions of Renfrewshire IJB for the 2021/22 financial year and its position at 31 March 2022.

The IJB was established under the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and is a Section 106 body as defined in the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. It is a joint venture between NHSGGC and Renfrewshire Council.

The Financial Statements are therefore prepared in compliance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22, supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), unless legislation or statutory guidance requires different treatment.

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the IJB will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The historical cost convention has been adopted.

Accruals of Income and Expenditure

Activity is accounted for in the year that it takes place, not simply when settlement in cash occurs. In particular:

- Expenditure is recognised when goods or services are received, and their benefits are used by the IJB.
- Income is recognised when the IJB has a right to the income, for instance by meeting any terms and conditions required to earn the income, and receipt of the income is probable.
- Where income and expenditure have been recognised but settlement in cash has not taken place, a debtor or creditor is recorded in the Balance Sheet.
- Where debts may not be received, the balance of debtors is written down.

Funding

The IJB is primarily funded through funding contributions from its statutory funding partners, Renfrewshire Council and NHSGGC. Expenditure is incurred as the IJB commissions specified health and social care services from the funding partners for the benefit of service recipients in the Renfrewshire area and service recipients across the Greater Glasgow & Clyde area, for services which are delivered under Hosted arrangements.

Cash and Cash Equivalent

The IJB does not operate a bank account or hold cash. All transactions are settled on behalf of the IJB by the funding partners. Consequently, the IJB does not present a 'Cash and Cash Equivalent' figure on the balance sheet. This means there is no requirement for the IJB to produce a cash flow statement. The funding balance due to or from each funding partner as at 31 March, is represented as a debtor or creditor on the IJB's balance sheet.

Employee Benefits

The IJB does not directly employ staff. Staff are formally employed by the funding partners who retain the liability for pension benefits payable in the future. The IJB therefore does not present a Pensions Liability on its balance sheet.

The IJB has a legal responsibility to appoint a Chief Officer. More details on the arrangements are provided in the Remuneration Report. The charges from the employing partners are treated as employee costs. Where material, the Chief Officer's absence entitlement at 31 March is accrued, for example in relation to annual leave earned but not yet taken. In the case of Renfrewshire IJB any annual leave earned but not yet taken is not considered to be material.

Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Provisions are liabilities of uncertain timing or amount. A provision is recognised as a liability on the balance sheet when there is an obligation as at 31 March due to a past event; settlement of the obligation is probable; and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made. Recognition of a provision will result in expenditure being charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and will normally be a charge to the General Fund.

A contingent liability is a possible liability arising from events on or before 31 March, whose existence will only be confirmed by later events. A provision that cannot be reasonably estimated, or where settlement is not probable, is treated as a contingent liability. A contingent liability is not recognised in the IJB's Balance Sheet but is disclosed in a note where it is material.

A contingent asset is a possible asset arising from events on or before 31 March, whose existence will only be confirmed by later events. A contingent asset is not recognised in the IJB's Balance Sheet but is disclosed in a note only if it is probable to arise and can be reliably measured.

Reserves

The IJB's reserves are classified as either Usable or Unusable Reserves.

Reserves have been created from net surpluses in current or prior years, some of which are earmarked for specific purposes, the remainder is the general reserve. Considering the size and scale of the IJB's responsibilities, the IJB's approved Reserves Policy recommends the holding of general reserves at a maximum of 2% of the net budget of the IJB.

When expenditure to be financed from a reserve is incurred it will be charged to the appropriate service in that year and will be processed through the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Indemnity Insurance / Clinical and Medical Negligence

The IJB has indemnity insurance for costs relating primarily to potential claim liabilities regarding Board member and officer responsibilities through the CNORIS scheme. NHSGGC and Renfrewshire Council have responsibility for claims in respect of the services for which they are statutorily responsible and that they provide.

Unlike NHS Boards, the IJB does not have any 'shared risk' exposure from participation in CNORIS. The IJB's participation in the Scheme is, therefore, analogous to normal insurance arrangements.

Known claims are assessed as to the value and probability of settlement. Where it is material, the overall expected value of known claims taking probability of settlement into consideration, is provided for in the IJB's Balance Sheet.

The likelihood of receipt of an insurance settlement to cover any claims is separately assessed and, where material, presented as either a debtor or disclosed as a contingent asset.

Debtors

Financial instruments are recognised in the balance sheet when an obligation is identified and released as that obligation is fulfilled. Debtors are held at fair value and represent funding due from partner bodies that was not utilised in-year.

Note 2: Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

In preparing the 2021/22 financial statements, the IJB has had to make certain judgements about complex transactions or those involving uncertainty about future events. The critical judgements made in the Annual Accounts are:

- Within Greater Glasgow and Clyde, each IJB has responsibility for services which it hosts on behalf of the other IJBs. In delivering these services the IJB has primary responsibility for the provision of the services and bears the risks and reward associated with this service delivery in terms of demand and the financial resources required. As such the IJB is considered to be acting as 'principal', and the full costs should be reflected within the financial statements for the services which it hosts. This is the basis on which Renfrewshire IJB accounts have been prepared and is based on the Code of Practice.

Note 3: Assumptions Made About the Future and Other Major Sources of Uncertainty

The Annual Accounts contain estimated figures that are based on assumptions made by Renfrewshire IJB about the future or that which are otherwise uncertain. Estimates are made using historical expenditure, current trends and other relevant factors. However, because balances cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could be materially different from the assumptions and estimates made.

Note 4: Events after the Balance Sheet Date

The Annual Accounts were authorised for issue by the Chief Finance Officer on 25 November 2022. Events after the balance sheet date are those events that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the Statements are authorised for issue.

Where events take place before the date of authorisation and provide information about conditions existing as at 31 March 2022, the figures in the financial statements and notes have been adjusted in all material aspects to reflect the impact of this information.

Events taking place after the date when the Accounts were authorised are not reflected in the financial statement or notes.

Note 5: Expenditure and Income Analysis by Nature

The following table shows the gross expenditure and income for Renfrewshire IJB against subjective headings.

Expenditure and Income Analysis by Nature	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
Employee Costs	87,939	91,699
Property Costs	1,057	839
Supplies and Services	8,761	10,071
Third Party Payments	72,147	74,654
Transport	489	440
Support Services	72	75
Transfer Payments	4,720	4,200
Purchase of Healthcare	3,249	3,214
Family Health Service	88,971	94,437
Set Aside	64,738	63,579
Income	(14,240)	(16,207)
Total Cost of Services	317,903	327,001
Partners Funding Contributions and Non-Specific Grant Income	(335,392)	(351,044)
(Surplus) on Provision of Services	(17,489)	(24,043)

Note 6: Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income

The following table shows the funding contribution from the two partner organisations:

Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board	230,819	240,591
Renfrewshire Council	104,573	110,453
TOTAL	335,392	351,044

The funding contribution from NHSGGC shown above includes £63,579k in respect of 'Set Aside' resources relating to hospital services. These are provided by NHSGGC who retain responsibility for managing the costs of providing the services. The IJB however has responsibility for the consumption of, and level of demand placed on, these resources.

Note 7: Short Term Debtors and Creditors

At 31 March 2022, Renfrewshire IJB had short term debtors of £51,049k relating to the reserves held, there were no creditors. Amounts owed by funding partners are stated on a net basis.

Short Term Debtors	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board	-	-
Renfrewshire Council	27,006	51,049
TOTAL	27,006	51,049

Short Term Creditors	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board	-	-
Renfrewshire Council	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

Note 8: Usable Reserves

As at 31 March 2022 the IJB has created earmarked reserves in order to fund expenditure in respect of specific projects. In addition, the general reserve will be used to manage the risk of any future unanticipated events and support service provision that may materially impact on the financial position of the IJB in later years.

The following tables show how reserves are allocated:

General Reserves	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
GENERAL RESERVES	5,781	5,781

HSCP Funded Earmarked Reserves	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
COVID-19 Funding	7,593	17,242
Scottish Government Ring-Fenced Monies carried forward:		
Primary Care Improvement Programme (PCIP)	2,458	4,347
PTCF Monies Allocated for Tests of Change and GP Support	299	216
GP Premises Improvement Fund	224	462
Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) Funding	1,186	2,551
Mental Health Recovery and Renewal Funding		1,560
Mental Health Action 15 (19/20)_(20/21)_(21/22)	763	663
District Nursing Recruitment Programme	288	802
Winter Planning Monies / Care Home Liaison Monies		4,250
Health Visiting	32	32
Scottish Government Pay Award and Living Wage Health and Social Care (21/22)		340
Mental Health Dementia Funding		119
Public Health Improvement Monies	15	168
Scottish Government Ring-Fenced Monies carried forward	5,264	15,510
Grant Funding carried forward	454	534
TOTAL RING-FENCED MONIES TO BE CARRIED FORWARD	13,311	33,286
ICT / Systems Related	1,322	1,077
Premises Related	814	692
Prescribing	2,000	2,000
Other IJB Reserves	3,778	8,213
TOTAL EARMARKED RESERVES	21,225	45,268
OVERALL RESERVES POSITION	27,006	51,049

Note 9: Additional Council Services Delegated to the IJB

The following table shows the costs of Renfrewshire Council services delegated to the IJB. Under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, the IJB is accountable for these services, however, these continue to be delivered by Renfrewshire Council. The HSCP monitor the delivery of these services on behalf of the IJB.

Additional Council Services Delegated to the IJB	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
Housing Adaptations	544	876
Women's Aid	349	342
Grant Funding for Women's Aid	(127)	(123)
NET AGENCY EXPENDITURE (INCLUDED IN THE CIES)	766	1,095

Note 10: Related Party Transactions

The IJB is required to disclose material transactions with related bodies – i.e. bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the IJB, or to be controlled or influenced by the IJB.

Members of the IJB

Members of the IJB are required to declare an interest if they believe that there may be a perception that their decision making may be influenced in any way by a personal interest. Should this arise, the relevant person does not take part in any discussion or decision related to that interest. The Register of Interests is available on the HSCP's website at www.renfrewshire.hscp.scot/IJB

Other Public Bodies

The IJB has related party relationships with NHSGGC and Renfrewshire Council. In particular the nature of the partnership means that the IJB may influence, and be influenced by, its partners. The following transactions and balances included in the IJB's accounts are presented to provide additional information on the relationships. The table shows the funding that has transferred from NHSGGC via the IJB to the Council. This amount includes Resource Transfer Funding.

Service Income Received	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board	(1,413)	(3,439)
Renfrewshire Council	(12,827)	(12,768)
TOTAL	(14,240)	(16,207)

Expenditure on Services Provided	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board	217,165	225,036
Renfrewshire Council	114,978	118,172
TOTAL	332,143	343,208

Funding Contributions Received	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board	230,819	240,591
Renfrewshire Council	104,573	110,453
TOTAL	335,392	351,044

Debtors	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board	0	0
Renfrewshire Council	27,006	51,049
TOTAL	27,006	51,049

Note 11: IJB Operational Costs

NHSGGC and Renfrewshire Council provide a range of support services for the IJB including: business support; human resources; planning; audit; payroll and creditor services. There is no charge to the IJB for these support services.

The costs associated with running the IJB are shown in the following table:

IJB Operational Costs	2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's
Staff Costs	320	306
Audit Fees	27	28
TOTAL	347	334

Note 12: Services Hosted by other HSCPs

The services hosted by Renfrewshire HSCP are Podiatry and Primary Care Support and Development (included in the CIES under hosted services) which includes expenditure for 2021/22 and the value consumed by other IJBs within NHSGGC.

2020/21				2021/22	
Actual Net Expenditure to Date £000's	Consumed by other IJBs £000's	Host	Service	Actual Net Expenditure to Date £000's	Consumed by other IJBs £000's
6,906	5,919	Renfrewshire	Podiatry	6,788	5,881
3,904	3,357	Renfrewshire	Primary Care Support and Development	3,925	3,377
10,810	9,276	TOTAL		10,713	9,258

The services which are hosted by the other five Greater Glasgow and Clyde IJBs, on behalf of the other IJBs including Renfrewshire, are detailed in the following tables for information (these figures are not included in Renfrewshire IJB's Annual Accounts). The tables include expenditure incurred in 2021/22 and the value consumed by Renfrewshire IJB.

Actual Net Expenditure to Date £000's	Consumed by Renfrewshire IJB £000's	Host	Service	Actual Net Expenditure to Date £000's	Consumed by Renfrewshire IJB £000's
2020/21				2021/22	
9,820	1,431	East Dunbartonshire	Oral Health	10,382	1,495
9,820	1,431	TOTAL		10,382	1,495
1,955	434	East Renfrewshire	Learning Disability Tier 4 Community & Others	1,589	386
166	33		Scottish Centre of Technology for the Impaired	211	22
2,121	467	TOTAL		1,800	408
4,102	613	Glasgow	Continence	4,261	633
11,130	1,404		Sexual Health	10,842	1,398
7,326	1,337		MH Central Services	9,730	1,775
12,472	2,006		MH Specialist Services	13,264	2,162
16,003	1,560		Alcohol & Drugs Hosted	16,043	1,605
7,407	1,009		Prison Healthcare	7,875	1,073
2,256	343		HC in Police Custody	2,384	364
60,696	8,272		TOTAL		64,399
6,247	936	West Dunbartonshire	MSK Physio	6,527	947
719	111		Retinal Screening	720	111
6,966	1,047	TOTAL		7,247	1,058

Actual Net Expenditure to Date £000's	Consumed by Renfrewshire IJB £000's	Host	Bed Activity	Actual Net Expenditure to Date £000's	Consumed by Renfrewshire IJB £000's
2020/21				2021/22	
5,424	1,508	East Renfrewshire	Learning Disability Admission & Assessment	5,233	1,608
1,916			Learning Disability Complex Care	2,001	
7,340	1,508	TOTAL		7,234	1,608
45,149	841	Glasgow	General Psychiatry	46,571	456
15,121	85		Old Age Psychiatry	15,344	43
60,270	926	TOTAL		61,915	499
6,542	766	Inverclyde	General Psychiatry	6,954	1,087
4,065	131		Old Age Psychiatry	3,734	
10,607	897	TOTAL		10,688	1,087
8,931	8,612	Renfrewshire	General Psychiatry	9,756	9,485
7,386	5,725		Old Age Psychiatry	8,154	6,304
16,317	14,337	TOTAL		17,910	15,789
1,037		West Dunbartonshire	Old Age Psychiatry	1,102	
1,037	0	TOTAL		1,102	0

Note 13: VAT

The IJB is not a taxable person and does not charge or recover VAT on its functions.

The VAT treatment of expenditure and income within the Accounts depends upon which of the partners is providing the service as these bodies are treated differently for VAT purposes.

The services provided by the Chief Officer to the IJB are outside the scope of VAT as they are undertaken under a specific legal regime.

Note 14: External Audit Costs

Fees payable to Audit Scotland in respect of external audit services undertaken in accordance with Audit Scotland's Code of Audit Practice in 2021/22 are £27,960 compared to £27,330 in 2020/21. There were no fees paid to Audit Scotland in respect of any other services.

Note 15: New Standards issued but not yet adopted

The Code requires the disclosure of information relating to the impact of an accounting change that will be required by a new standard that has been issued but not yet adopted. The IJB considers that there are no such standards which would have significant impact on its annual accounts.

Appendix 1: Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board Membership

The tables below detail the membership of Renfrewshire IJB as of November 2022.

Voting members	
Elected Members from Renfrewshire Council	Cllr Jennifer Adam (Vice Chair)
	Cllr Jacqueline Cameron
	Cllr Fiona Airlie-Nicolson
	Cllr Iain McMillan
Non-Executives of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Board	Rev John Matthews (Chair)
	Margaret Kerr
	Francis Shennan
	Ann Cameron Burns

Non-Voting members	
Chief Officer	Christine Laverty
Chief Finance Officer	Sarah Lavers
Chief Social Work Officer	John Trainer
A Registered Nurse representative	Karen Jarvis
A registered medical practitioner representing GPs	Dr Stuart Sutton
A registered medical practitioner representing other medical interests	Vacant
A member of staff from social work, representing front-line delivery	Lisa Cameron
A member of staff from the NHS, representing front-line delivery	Paul Higgins
A third sector representative, representing front-line delivery	Alan McNiven
A service user representative	Stephen Cruikshank
A carer representative	Fiona Milne
Trade union representative (Council)	John Boylan
Trade union representative (NHS)	Annie Hair

Date: 25 November 2022
Our Ref: SL/JH
Your Ref:
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Dear Pauline

Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board Annual Accounts 2021/22

1. This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the annual accounts of Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board for the year ended 31 March 2022 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial reporting framework, and for expressing other opinions on the remuneration report, management commentary and annual governance statement.
2. I confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief and having made appropriate enquiries of the Chief Officer and the Board, the following representations given to you in connection with your audit of Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

General

3. Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board and I have fulfilled our statutory responsibilities for the preparation of the 2021/22 annual accounts. All the accounting records, documentation and other matters which I am aware are relevant to the preparation of the annual accounts have been made available to you for the purposes of your audit. All transactions undertaken by Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board have been recorded in the accounting records and are properly reflected in the financial statements.
4. I confirm that the effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, individually and in aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole. I am not aware of any uncorrected misstatements other than those reported by you.

HSCP Management Offices, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AL

Financial Reporting Framework

5. The annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 (2021/22 accounting code), mandatory guidance from LASAAC, and the requirements of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 and The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014.
6. In accordance with the 2014 regulations, I have ensured that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board at 31 March 2022 and the transactions for 2021/22.

Accounting Policies & Estimates

7. All significant accounting policies applied are as shown in the notes to the financial statements. The accounting policies are determined by the 2021/22 accounting code, where applicable. Where the code does not specifically apply, I have used judgement in developing and applying an accounting policy that results in information that is relevant and reliable. All accounting policies applied are appropriate to Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board circumstances and have been consistently applied.
8. There are no significant accounting estimates included in the financial statements.

Going Concern Basis of Accounting

9. I have assessed Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's ability to continue to use the going concern basis of accounting and have concluded that it is appropriate. I am not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fraud

10. I have provided you with all information in relation to:
 - my assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud
 - any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the financial statements
 - fraud or suspected fraud that I am aware of involving management, employees who have a significant role in internal control, or others that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Laws and Regulations

11. I have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

Related Party Transactions

12. All material transactions with related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with the 2021/22 accounting code. I have made available to you the identity of all the Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which I am aware.

Remuneration Report

13. The Remuneration Report has been prepared in accordance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, and all required information of which I am aware has been provided to you.

Management Commentary

14. I confirm that the Management Commentary has been prepared in accordance with the statutory guidance and the information is consistent with the financial statements.

Corporate Governance

15. I confirm that the Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board has undertaken a review of the system of internal control during 2021/22 to establish the extent to which it complies with proper practices set out in the Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework 2016. I have disclosed to you all deficiencies in internal control identified from this review or of which I am otherwise aware.
16. I confirm that the Annual Governance Statement has been prepared in accordance with the Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework 2016 and the information is consistent with the financial statements. There have been no changes in the corporate governance arrangements or issues identified, since 31 March 2022, which require to be reflected.

Balance Sheet

17. All events subsequent to 31 March 2022 for which the 2021/22 accounting code requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.

This Letter was considered at the meeting of the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee held on 18 November 2022.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Lavers

Sarah Lavers
Chief Finance Officer

25 November 2022