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Agenda Item: 7.

Integration Joint Board

Date of Meeting: 22 April 2026.

Subject: Joint Clinical and Care Governance Committee Work Plan.

1. Purpose

1.1. To present the Joint Clinical and Care Governance Committee Work Plan for 2026/27, for Members' approval.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended:

2.1. That the Joint Clinical and Care Governance Committee Work Plan for 2026/27, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, be approved.

3. Background

3.1. The Orkney Integration Joint Board (IJB) is required to have a Clinical and Care Governance Committee which provides the Orkney IJB with assurance that robust clinical and care governance controls and management systems are in place and are effective for the functions that NHS Orkney and Orkney Islands Council have delegated to the Orkney IJB.

3.2. Following the establishment of Orkney's IJB in April 2016, the Joint Clinical and Care Governance Committee was established to provide both the Orkney IJB and the Board of NHS Orkney with assurance regarding clinical and care systems of control and governance for the services for which they are responsible.

3.3. A review of the Terms of Reference of this original Clinical and Care Governance Committee took place in early 2021, taking account of the Scottish Government's [Clinical and Care Governance Framework Guidance, 2015](#). This sets out the key elements and principles to be reflected in local clinical and care governance of integrated health and social care arrangements.

4. Work Plan

4.1. Section 7 of the Terms of Reference of the Joint Clinical and Care Governance Committee states that 'A rolling work plan will be developed and maintained which will be reviewed and approved annually. The approved work plan will be submitted to NHS Orkney's Audit and Risk Committee and the Integration Joint Board.'

4.2. The Work Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, details the business cycle for 2026/27.

5. Contribution to quality

Please indicate which of the Orkney Community Plan 2025 to 2030 values are supported in this report adding Yes or No to the relevant area(s):

Resilience: To support and promote our strong communities.	Yes.
Enterprise: To tackle crosscutting issues such as digital connectivity, transport, housing and fuel poverty.	No.
Equality: To encourage services to provide equal opportunities for everyone.	Yes.
Fairness: To make sure socio-economic and social factors are balanced.	Yes.
Innovation: To overcome issues more effectively through partnership working.	Yes.
Leadership: To involve partners such as community councils, community groups, voluntary groups and individuals in the process.	Yes.
Sustainability: To make sure economic and environmental factors are balanced.	Yes.

6. Resource and financial implications

6.1. There are no resource or financial implications directly arising as a result of this report.

7. Risk, equality and climate change implications

7.1. The main risk is that failure to approve the revised Work Plan will result in less effective clinical and care governance scrutiny and assurance that robust clinical governance controls and management systems are in place.

7.2. There are no equality or climate change implications directly arising as a result of this report.

8. Direction required

Please indicate if this report requires a direction to be passed to:

NHS Orkney.	No.
Orkney Islands Council.	No.

9. Escalation required

Please indicate if this report requires escalated to:

NHS Orkney.	No.
Orkney Islands Council.	No.

10. Authors and contact information

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11. Supporting documents

11.1. Appendix 1: Work Plan 2026/27.

Joint Care and Clinical Governance Committee Business Cycle 2026/27

Date	Items of Business	Lead Officer
8 APRIL 2026	Committee Annual Report – approval	Chair
	Quarterly Safety/Quality/Experience Report	Medical Director
	Patient Experience/Engagement/Planning with People Update	Director NMAHP Medical Director CO-IJB
	Mental Health Assurance Update	Head of Health & Community Care
	Clinical Services Review – Transformation and Service Re-design update	Clinical Directors
	Quarterly Public Health Report	Director Public Health
	Annual Executive Nurse Directors Care Home Assurance Report	EDoNMAHP
	Children’s Health Assurance Update	Service Manager Children’s Health
	Primary Care – Dental Services Update	Director of Dentistry
	Primary Care Improvement Programme Update	Head Primary Care Services
	Quality Impact Assessment Update (as and when)	Director NMAHP
	Annual Realistic Medicine Report	Realistic Medicine Lead
	Peer and Centre for Sustainable Delivery Reviews & Commissioning (if relevant)	MD/ND/DPH/CO-IJB
	2 JULY 2026	Safety/Quality/Experience Report Quarterly
Patient Experience/Engagement/Planning with People Update		Director NMAHP Medical Director
Safety/Quality/Experience Annual Report		Medical Director
Duty of Candour Annual Report		Medical Director
Infection Prevention Annual Report		Director NMAHP
UNICEF Baby Friendly Standards – Accreditation Annual		Lead Midwife
Child Protection Annual Report		Chief Social Work Officer
Primary Care Update		Head Primary Care Services
Quarterly Public Health Report		Director Public Health
Social Work and Social Care Service Annual User Experience Report		Chief Officer - IJB
Clinical Services Review – Transformation and Service Re-design update		Clinical Directors
	Safety/Quality/Experience Report Quarterly	Medical Director
	Mental Health Assurance Update	Head of Health & Community Care
	Patient Experience/Engagement/Planning with People Update	Director NMAHP Medical Director
	Clinical Services Review – Transformation and Service Re-design update	Clinical Directors

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1 October 2026	Maternity Services Annual Report	Lead Midwife
	Public Health – Annual Report 2025/26	Director Public Health
	Children’s Health Assurance Update	Service Manager Children’s Health
	Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2025/26	Chief Social Work Officer
	System Planning (Delayed Transfers of Care)	Chief Officer Acute/ Chief Officer IJB
	Adult Protection Annual report 2025/26	CSWO/PP Lead NHS
	Alcohol Drug Partnership Annual Report 2025/26	Chief Officer - IJB
	Annual Suicide Review Report 2025/26	Chief Officer - IJB
	Primary Care – Optometry Update	Head of Primary Care Services
	Quality Impact Assessment Update (if required)	Director NMAHP
	Clinical Services Review – Transformation and Service Re-design update	Clinical Directors
3 NOVEMBER 2026	Annual Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Core Documentation and Amendments: • Terms of Reference • Business Cycle / Work plan • Nature and format / frequency of reporting 	Chair, Director NMAHP
4 FEBRUARY 2027	Safety/Quality/Experience Report Quarterly	Medical Director
	Patient Experience/Engagement/Planning with People Update	Director NMAHP Medical Director
	Clinical Services Review – Transformation and Service Re-design update	Clinical Directors
	Quarterly Public Health Report	Director Public Health
	Primary Care Improvement Programme Update	Head of Primary Care Services
	Community Services Annual Report	Head of Health & Community Care
	Peer and CfSD Review Update / Action Plan Review (if relevant)	ND/MD/DPH/CO-IJB
24 MARCH 2027	Committee Effectiveness Self Evaluation Committee Members Development Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review effectiveness of committee processes • Consider successes of committee and any concerns as part of annual assurance report • Agree development plan for the future 	Chair, Director NMAHP

JCCGC Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest – Agenda items

Joint Care and Clinical Governance Committee Business Cycle 2026/27

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
4. **Action Log**
5. **Chairs Assurance Report from previous meeting**
6. **Chairs Assurance Reports**
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 - 7.1 Area Drugs and Therapeutics Committee Chair's Assurance Report
 - 7.2 Infection, Prevention Committee Chair's Assurance Report
 - 7.3 Social Work and Social Care Governance Board Chairs Assurance Report
 - 7.4 Clinical Governance Group Chair's Assurance Report
 - 7.5 Improving Together Programme Board Chair's assurance Report
8. **Corporate Risks Aligned to the JCCGC**
9. **Integrated Performance Report Patient Safety Quality and Experience Chapters**
10. **Feedback from National Meetings**
11. **Place**
12. **Patient Safety, Quality and Experience**
13. **People**
14. **Performance**
 - 13.1.2 - Healthcare Improvement Scotland Reports – recommendations and NHSO/IJB actions
 - 13.1.3 - Significant reports from external bodies (HSE/CI/MWC/National)- recommendations and NHSO/IJB actions
 - 13.1.4 - High level brief on significant service changes which have patient, service user implications
 - 13.1.5 – Improving Together Programme Board Clinical Services Review Update
15. **Potential**
16. **Emerging issues not already addressed**
17. **Business Cycle items**
18. **Agree items to be included in Chair's Assurance Report to Board**
19. **Agree items to be raised at other governance committees**
20. **AOCB**
21. **Items for Information or Noting Only**
22. **Schedule of Meetings 2025/26**
23. **Record of attendance**
24. **Evaluation of the meeting**

Updated	4 February 2026
Annual Development Session Review	4 November 2025
Committee Approved	4 February 2026
Next Formal Review	October 2026