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Agenda Item: 11.

Integration Joint Board

Date of Meeting: 17 June 2026.

Subject: Annual Performance Report.

1. Purpose

1.1. To provide an update for Members on preparation of the Integration Joint Board's Annual Performance Report.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended:

2.1. That, following publication of the Public Health Scotland data release on or around 7 July 2026, the draft Annual Performance Report for 2025/26 be circulated, via email, to all members of the Integration Joint Board, for approval, prior to submission to Scottish Government by the statutory deadline of 31 July 2026.

3. Background

3.1. Section 42 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 requires Integration Authorities (IAs) to prepare a report setting out an assessment of performance, during the reporting year to which it relates.

3.2. Integration Authorities must publish their Annual Performance Reports on or before 31 July following the reporting year to which it relates, and provide a copy to both NHS Orkney and Orkney Islands Council, as well as Scottish Government.

3.3. The performance report is based on information collected by Public Health Scotland and the Scottish Government to highlight the performance of the Orkney Health and Social Care Partnership, in respect of the National Suite of Indicators, the Ministerial Steering Group Indicators (known as the Core Suite of Indicators) and the National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes.

4. Public Health Scotland Data Release

4.1. Public Health Scotland (PHS) is responsible for the collation and publication of the data used by Integration Authorities. PHS is publishing data, for calendar year 2025, in two separate releases, on 8 May 2026 and 7 July 2026.

4.2. The May data release is a “management information” release and not for publication. Furthermore, data from the 2026 Health and Care Experience survey will not be included until the 7 July publication.

4.3. Guidance issued by PHS for the use of data in the Annual Performance Reports published by Integration Authorities states that “Figures quoted in the final APRs should be from the 7 July 2026 publication as this is the most up to date information and is the information that is publicly available”.

5. Annual Performance Report 2026

5.1. The final meeting of the Integration Joint Board, prior to recess, is 17 June. This is several weeks before the PHS data release on 7 July.

5.2. In order to meet the Integration Joint Board’s obligations to publish the Annual Performance Report and submit a copy to Scottish Government, on or before 31 July, it is proposed that, following publication of the data release on 7 July, the completed draft Annual Performance Report is circulated to Members via email for approval, rather than recalling the Integration Joint Board, during the Elected Members’ recess.

5.3. Preparation of the sections in the Annual Performance Report that do not relate to data publication and analysis have continued, as normal, and are now complete. It is, therefore, anticipated that the draft Annual Performance Report will be circulated to Members shortly following publication of the data release on 7 July for comment.

6. 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.

7. Resource and financial implications

7.1. There are no resource or financial implications arising directly from the report.

8. Risk, equality and climate change implications

8.1. The ongoing review of performance and service development is part of the process of identifying, managing and mitigating risks to the Integration Joint Board.

8.2. Regular performance reporting allows the Integration Joint Board to meet its legislative requirements as set out in The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, and The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Content of Performance Reports) (Scotland) Regulations 2014.

8.3. There are no equality or climate change implications arising directly from the report.

9. Direction required

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

NHS Orkney.	No.
Orkney Islands Council.	No.

10. Escalation required

Please indicate if this report requires escalated to:

NHS Orkney.	No.
Orkney Islands Council.	No.

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