



Meeting of East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Performance and Audit Committee
Held on	23 September 2020
Agenda Item	6
Title	Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20
<p>Summary</p> <p>This report provides an overview of the audited annual report and accounts for the IJB covering the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.</p> <p>The Chair of the Performance and Audit Committee will advise the Integration Joint Board of any audit findings following the remit of approval of the annual report and accounts to the Integration Joint Board, following on from this meeting.</p>	
Presented by	Lesley Bairden, Head of Finance and Resources (Chief Financial Officer)
<p>Action Required</p> <p>The Performance and Audit Committee is requested to agree the audited annual report and accounts be remitted to the Integration Joint Board for approval.</p>	

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EAST RENFREWSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

23 September 2020

Report by Chief Financial Officer

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2019/20

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the audited annual report and accounts for the IJB covering the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. The Chair of the Performance and Audit Committee will advise the IJB of any audit findings.

RECOMMENDATION

2. The Performance and Audit Committee is requested to agree the audited annual report and accounts be remitted to the Integration Joint Board for approval.

BACKGROUND

3. The Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014 was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 25 February 2014 and received Royal Assent in April 2014. This established the framework for the integration of Health and Social Care in Scotland.
4. The IJB is a legal entity in its own right, created by Parliamentary Order, following Ministerial approval of the Integration Scheme. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) and East Renfrewshire Council have delegated functions to the IJB which has the responsibility for strategic planning, resourcing and ensuring delivery of all integrated services.
5. The IJB is specified in legislation as a 'section 106' body under the terms of the Local Government Scotland Act 1973 and as such is expected to prepare annual accounts in compliance with the Code of Practice on Accounting for Local Authorities in the United Kingdom.

REPORT

6. The annual report and accounts for the IJB have been prepared in accordance with appropriate legislation and guidance. An overview of the process and legislative requirements was set out in the previous report of 24 June 2020, presented to the IJB.
7. The annual report and accounts are included at Appendix 1 and, following approval, will be signed via the Audit Scotland electronic process.
8. It is a statutory requirement that the Chief Financial Officer (being the proper officer) provide Audit Scotland with a letter of representation (ISA580) along with the annual report and accounts. This is included at Appendix 2.

9. The Chief Internal Auditor's Annual Audit Report 2019/20 and the proposed Audit Scotland Annual Report confirm the annual report and accounts are unqualified, meet legislative requirements, meet good practice, have no significant issues and confirm sound financial governance.
10. The Chair of the Performance and Audit Committee will update the IJB of the key points from that committee and presentation of audit findings.
11. The key messages from Audit Scotland are summarised:
 - The annual accounts are unqualified and present a true and fair view of the financial position of the IJB.
 - Whilst Covid-19 created additional challenges for both IJB and audit staff the key dates in the financial reporting process have been met.
 - The IJB has appropriate and effective financial management arrangements in place to support financial monitoring, reporting and decision making.
 - We have a medium-term financial plan, although this needs to be updated for future COVID-19 implications.
 - We have a cost tracker in place to anticipate and monitor the financial challenges of COVID-19.
 - The IJB has appropriate governance arrangements in place that support the scrutiny of decisions by the board.
 - COVID-19 significantly impacted on governance arrangements and the changes made to address this by the IJB were appropriate and effective.
 - The IJB can demonstrate a range of arrangements to ensure best value.
 - The IJB has effective arrangements for managing performance and monitoring progress towards strategic objectives
12. The action plan included at Appendix 1 of Audit Scotland's Annual Audit Report details two recommendations and shows our response and timescales for these. In summary these relate to:
 - Financial sustainability; our free reserves are less than our optimum policy level, our Medium Term Financial Plan needs to be updated to reflect COVID-19 implications and work is required (system wide) to implement the set aside commissioning arrangements
 - Address the findings relating to the Care at Home service; progress continues to be reported to the IJB until the follow up inspection (expected in Spring 2020 and delayed due to COVID-19).
13. As with prior years I will bring progress against the 2 action plan items to this committee.
14. The unaudited annual report and accounts reported an operational overspend of £0.185 million and this has been revised to £0.065 million for the audited accounts. The reduction in spend related to £0.043 million of adjustments identified by the accountancy team (accrual revisions picked up through routine review) and £0.077 million identified as part of audit testing work (invoice paid in full in 2019/20 should have been adjusted to reflect part prepayment).
15. Whilst the adjustments above were not material to the accounts I chose to adjust for these to show full transparency. I will build in additional checks to our internal process to mitigate in future.

16. We have made some minor changes to wording within the document, added information on best value, infographics and included a reconciliation table to demonstrate the operational position to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement. As advised in June we have revised the performance section within the management commentary to reflect how we report performance during the year.
17. As a reminder the main messages from the annual report and accounts are:
 - We ended the year with an overspend of £0.065 million which was 0.05% of our budget for the year.
 - We used £1.643 million reserves during the year (£1.578 million planned and £0.065 million to meet the operational overspend).
 - We added £1.032 million to our reserves during the year.
18. The Chief Financial Officer would like to extend thanks to the HSCP Finance and Performance teams and to colleagues in both partner organisations acknowledging the detailed work of all staff involved in the year end closure process for all operational spend within the partnership. Particular thanks to Mandy Mallon and Jennifer Clinton for their input.
19. Similarly I would like to thank colleagues from Audit Scotland for their work and co-operation during the audit.

CONCLUSIONS

20. The accounts were properly prepared with a good standard of working papers and finance staff provided a good support to the audit team which ensured the audit process ran smoothly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

21. The Performance and Audit Committee is requested to agree the audited annual report and accounts be remitted to the Integration Joint Board for approval.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

IJB Paper 24.06.2020

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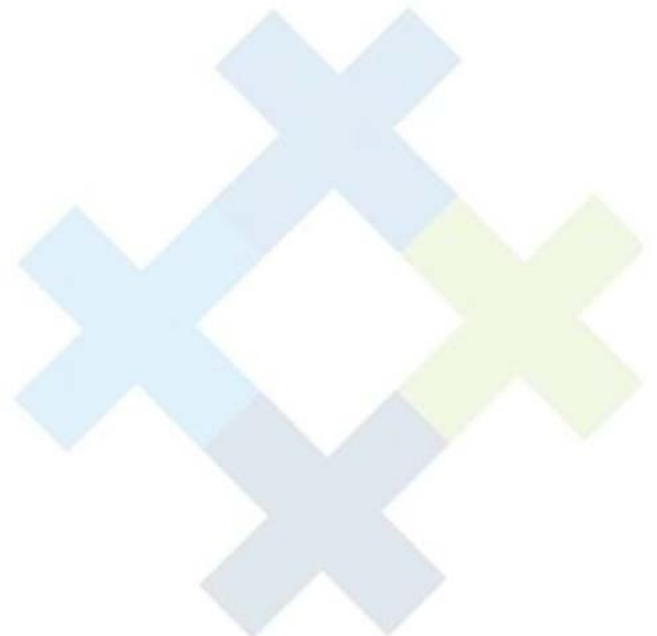
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East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board

Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20

Covering the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

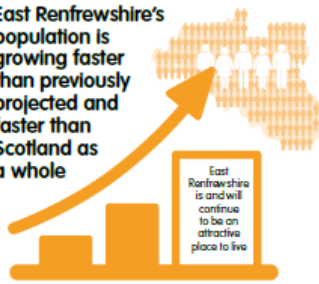


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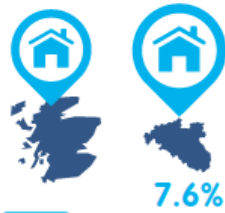
About East Renfrewshire – Some Facts and Figures

EAST RENFREWSHIRE'S POPULATION – WHAT TO EXPECT

East Renfrewshire's population is growing faster than previously projected and faster than Scotland as a whole



The number of people living in East Renfrewshire is projected to increase by 7.6% by the year 2026 (this is higher than previous projection of 5.7% and higher than the Scottish rate of growth of 3.2%)



The Increase in East Renfrewshire will be as a result of more people moving into the area

The two age groups that will grow the most



Children and young people aged 0-15 years

Older people aged 65+

More houses are being built for three reasons



Demand will increase for services

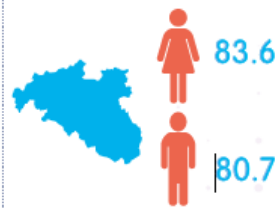
For older people, as well as general public services (such as health and care, leisure and environmental services)

More places will be needed in early years, primary and secondary education establishments

East Renfrewshire currently has the highest average household size in Scotland, but this is projected to shrink as more people live alone

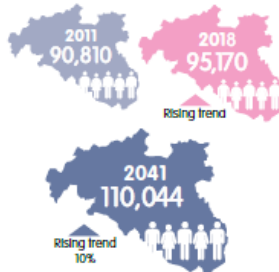


East Renfrewshire has the highest life expectancy at birth for both females and males in Scotland.

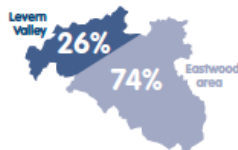


EAST RENFREWSHIRE FAST FACTS

Population



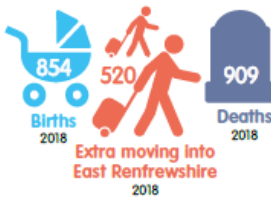
Where people live



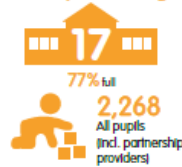
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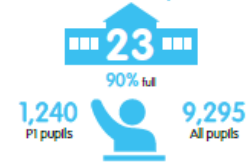
New homes planned up to 2029



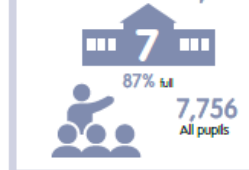
Early learning



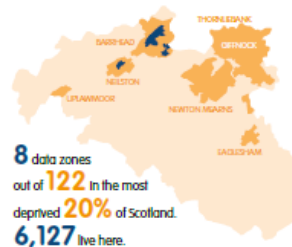
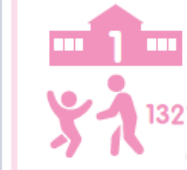
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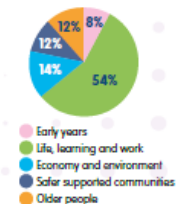
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How money is spent on our key priorities



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East Renfrewshire covers an area of 174 square kilometres and borders the City of Glasgow, East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and South Lanarkshire.

Our population is growing and reached 95,530 in 2019. Geographically 75% of the population live in the Eastwood area (Busby, Clarkston and Williamwood, Eaglesham and Waterfoot, Giffnock, Netherlee and Stamperland, Newton Mearns and Thornliebank) and 25% live in the Barrhead area (Barrhead, Neilston and Uplawmoor).

East Renfrewshire has an increasing ageing population with a 42% increase in the number of residents aged 85 years and over during the last decade.



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Management Commentary

Introduction

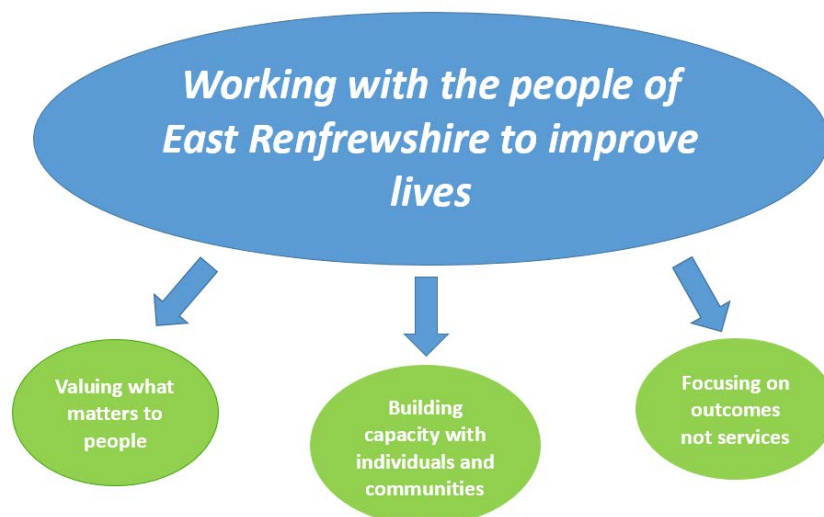
East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board, hereafter known as the IJB, was legally established on 27th June 2015 and has the strategic responsibility for planning and delivery of health and social care services for the residents of East Renfrewshire. The vision, values, priorities and outcomes we aim to achieve through working together with the people of East Renfrewshire to improve lives are set out in our [HSCP Strategic Plan 2018-21](#).

The IJB is a legal body in its own right, as set out in the legislation, the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, which established the framework for the integration of health and social care in Scotland.

The [Integration Scheme](#) for the IJB sets out how we will meet the requirements of this legislation. We are responsible for planning, commissioning and delivery of services for children and adults from both of our partners, East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and also have the planning responsibility for our population's use of large hospital based services along with housing aids and adaptations. The Integration Scheme provides a detailed breakdown of all the services the IJB is responsible for.

Our current Strategic Plan covers the period 2018-21 and sets out how we will achieve the National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes prescribed by Scottish Ministers.

Our partnership vision statement is:



This document and our Annual Performance Report demonstrate how we have supported delivery of our strategic priorities.

Strategic Plan 2018-21

With our Strategic Planning Group, we reviewed our first strategic plan, which covered 2015-18 and considered the progress we made and refreshed our strategic priorities for the three years 2018 to 2021. Our plan recognises that to meet future demand pressures from our continued growing and ageing population we needed to change the way we work together. We need to extend beyond traditional health and social care services to a wider partnership with our local people, carers, volunteers, community organisations, providers and community planners.

We need to look at the wider factors that impact on people's health and wellbeing, including activity, housing and employment; supporting people to be well, independent and connected to their communities.

Our emergency admissions, out of hours pressures and carers stress show us we still have work to do to get the right systems in place. We believe that by putting in the right amount of support at the right time we can improve lives, reduce demand and allow us to focus resource on those most in need.

We have identified seven strategic priorities where we need to make significant change or investment during the course of the plan:

- Working together with **children, young people and their families** to improve mental wellbeing
- Working together with our community planning partners on new **community justice** pathways that support people to stop offending and rebuild lives
- Working together with our communities that experience shorter life expectancy and **poorer health** to improve their wellbeing
- Working together with people to maintain their **independence at home** and in their local community
- Working together with people who experience **mental ill-health** to support them on their journey to recovery
- Working together with our colleagues in primary and acute care to care for people to reduce **unplanned admissions** to hospital
- Working together with **people who care for someone** ensuring they are able to exercise choice and control in relation to their caring activities

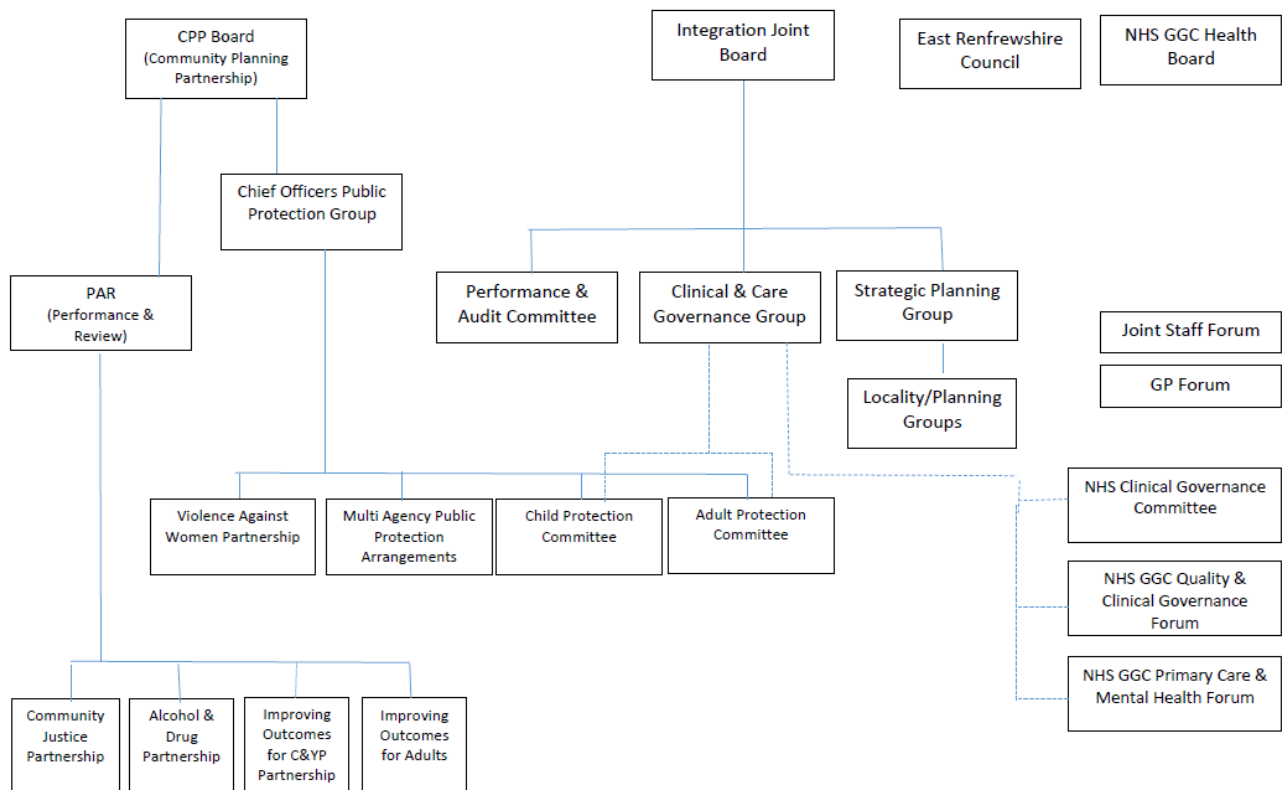
We have two localities: Eastwood and Barrhead. This best reflects hospital flows with the Eastwood Locality linking to the South Glasgow hospitals and the Barrhead Locality to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley. Our management and service structure is designed around our localities and we continue to develop planning and reporting at a locality level.

Our strategic plan is due to be updated for 2021-24. We will review our strategic needs assessment in light of the COVID-19 outbreak and develop our strategic priorities taking into

account the lessons learned and changing needs and expectations of local residents. The recovery work programme we have implemented will help inform our planning.

The IJB continues to build on the long standing delivery of integrated health and care services within East Renfrewshire and the continued and valued partnership working with our community, the third, voluntary and independent sectors, facilitating the successful operation of the Health and Social Care Partnership, hereafter known as the HSCP.

The chart below shows the governance, relationships and links with partners which form the IJB business environment.



Key Messages and Operational Highlights for 2019/20

This has been a year that falls into two clear parts; pre and post the COVID-19 pandemic. For the majority of the year we operated as normal however the final month of 2019/20 saw the unprecedented challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the emergency, staff across the HSCP have responded with incredible resilience, commitment and creativity. Within a very short space of time teams have established and adapted to new ways of working and have continued to maintain and deliver safe and effective services to our residents. There has been innovation and collaborative working across the health and care system including with external stakeholders and our communities. Our commentary below relates to activity under each of the seven strategic outcomes in our Strategic Plan as well as cross-cutting themes.

Children and families

Over the course of 2019/20 our Family Wellbeing Service has continued to deliver positive outcomes for children and young people with mental health and emotional wellbeing concerns. The service is delivered by Children 1st, providing holistic support through our GP surgeries.

Our commitment to supporting the mental wellbeing of our young people is reflected in our concerted work to reducing waiting times for specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. Steady improvement over 2019 saw us exceeding our waiting time target by the end of the calendar year (91% in December 2019). However, there was some drop-off in the first months of 2020 and significant reduction in March. Performance sits at 78% for 2019/20, up 4% on the previous year.

We have continued to deliver successful parenting programmes throughout the year with improved outcomes for the families taking part. Improved outcomes for children after parent/carer completion of parenting programmes rose to 96% in 2019/20, up by 7% on the previous year and well ahead of target (84%).

Our corporate parenting activity has resulted in strong performance in our support for looked after children, including: no delays in making permanence decisions; minimal placement moves; improving numeracy and literacy for our looked after children; levels of participation higher than national average.

Our Champions Board, a forum to support and improve the experience of young people in East Renfrewshire, provides opportunities for looked after young children giving them the chance to influence policy and practice in services affecting them.

During the COVID-19 outbreak we have adapted our services and have been able to continue supporting the most vulnerable families and individuals in East Renfrewshire, particularly those where there are public/child protection issues or an identified risk of harm. Throughout the emergency, staff have been maintaining contact with the families and individuals we support through telephone, online and visits as appropriate.

Criminal justice

We continue to support people completing Community Payback Orders, with a high volume of people reporting that they have been helped to address their offending behaviour; 100% of those responding to our client survey said they were helped in this regard. Throughout 2019/20 we have supported people subject to Orders through Work EastRen and the Strive preparation for work programme.

We have seen significant improvement and are ahead of our target for the personal outcomes of women who have been victims of domestic abuse. Improved outcomes for victims of abuse improved by 15% on the previous year to 79% (target 70%).

During the COVID-19 emergency we targeted our services on our most vulnerable residents. Our recovery planning is prioritising the re-establishment and strengthening of our approaches to public protection.

Supporting health and wellbeing

We continue to support training and development initiatives to raise awareness and support health improvement. Topics included sexual health, breastfeeding awareness, Childsmile training, mental health, breast health, bowel screening, cancer screening for people with additional needs, second hand smoke training, smokefree training, health behaviour change training and physical activity.

We maintained our Healthy Working Lives Gold award and ensured a focus on those with the greatest inequalities within HSCP and Council staff groups. Our partnership work with East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust was very successful in developing a range of health and wellbeing opportunities for older people. One of our Paths for All local projects, Rouken Glen Walkers were delighted to receive their award for Health Walk of the Year 2019. Chair based exercise groups for older adults are also provided in Barrhead and other venues.

Supporting independence at home

Our services continue to support older people and people with long-term conditions to live independently and well. We continue to meet our target for the proportion of adults who agreed that they are supported to live as independently as possible.

We continue to expand our telecare services to support people to live independently and we have 88% of people reporting that their “living where / as you want to live” needs are being met.

Whilst 69% of those people receiving reablement have seen their care needs reduce and 58% of people aged over 65 with intensive needs are receiving care in their own home. However, we know we need to do more work in our Care at Home service. During 2019/20 we have been implementing our improvement plan to support this

Our Talking Points engagement events have been working well and demonstrating strong collaborative working with our third and community sector partners. The Talking Points Partnership consists of over 50 local organisations and representatives from the statutory sector.

Care at Home

Following an inspection of our Care at Home services published in February 2019, an improvement delivery plan was put in place allowing the service to focus on activity to meet

Care Inspectorate requirements. A follow-up inspection published in November 2019 and subsequent discussion with the Care Inspectorate highlighted that we would not meet their requirements in a sustainable way unless we embarked on a programme of service redesign for Care at Home.

The programme of improvement and redesign is being led by the Chief Officer and the Programme Oversight Board, chaired by the Council Chief Executive. Membership is drawn from staff side, HR and legal services as well as the Chief Officer, who is the Programme Sponsor, the Chief Social Work Officer, the Intensive Services Manager and a programme manager.

The key element in relation to meeting and sustaining the Care Inspectorate requirements is to review frontline management roles to ensure our home care support workers are properly supported in the community. This will require the development of new roles that are fit for the future. Continuity of support for our service users will require further recruitment and a change to work patterns to ensure the staffing resource is better aligned to meet service demand.

Supporting people experiencing mental ill-health and supporting recovery from addiction

In partnership with the third sector we have established peer support in mental health and addictions. In 2019/20 we recruited new posts funded by Action 15 and Alcohol and Drugs Partnership money and have undertaken a review of the support being delivered by our Mental Health Officers.

The number of acute mental health bed days has reduced as a result of implementing the Bipolar Disorder Framework. We have commissioned Bipolar Scotland to deliver a self-management programme from East Renfrewshire.

Our addiction services have exceeded target, seen an increase in the proportion of service users moving from drug treatment to recovery and recorded our seconded highest performance; 16% (target 10%). The number of acute mental health bed days has reduced as a result of implementing the Bipolar Disorder Framework. We have commissioned Bipolar Scotland to deliver a self-management programme from East Renfrewshire.

Reducing unplanned hospital care

Our new Hospital to Home team has been delivering targeted interventions to ensure local residents have the support they need in place to return home after a stay in hospital.

We continue to perform very well with delayed discharges, averaging around 3-4 per month. The volume of hospital bed days lost to delayed discharges has reduced by 21% compared with 2018/19. We perform well on emergency admissions to hospital which have remained stable during 2019/20. However, latest data shows our number of Accident & Emergency attendances showed a small increase to February 2020.

Our plans for Bonnyton House are to provide dedicated beds for intensive rehabilitation and end of life care, alongside our residential and respite provision. Our residents were temporarily decanted in January 2020 to a property we have rented in Crossmyloof to allow a significant refurbishment of Bonnyton House to take place. This refurbishment project was impacted by COVID-19 as work had to be suspended for a period of time.

Supporting unpaid carers

We have been providing support to unpaid carers in collaboration with our local Carers Centre and have seen significant improvement in the proportion of carers reporting that their needs are being met; 92%, up from 78% in 2018/19.

Working with our Partners

We continue to work with our partner service providers to ensure market choice and sustainability and fund the Living Wage and other Fair Work Practices. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting the sustainability of our partner providers remains a key area of focus as we develop and implement new framework arrangements.

In 2019 we established our Initial Contact Team which is now established as our 'front door' to HSCP and partner supports. This is proving to be a positive approach with residents being directed to the most appropriate support whether through the third/community sector or through formal HSCP services.

During the year we established and embedded a new approach to calculating Individual Budgets for adult social care, and continued initiatives to implement the Carers Act.

We now host a new service supporting Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) which uses a range of techniques to support communication when people do not have a voice, or when they find it difficult to be understood using their voice. AAC often involves the use of specialised computer-based equipment. The service also works with the Scottish Centre for the Communication Impaired (SCTCI) which is an expert AAC assessment service which provides assessment, training, and information and advice to 12 geographical NHS health boards in Scotland, including NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Management Information

This year we have continued to develop and improve our management information and use of data across services. This has seen service planning work for key adult services involving the development of new suites of local Performance Indicators and management information. New planning leads and business analysts have been appointed to support adult and children's services. The posts are working to support performance management and improve the quality and robustness of our data usage. This process is ongoing and we will continue to develop

our management information and performance data to better inform our strategic and financial planning and decision making processes.

Strategic Inspection

In 2019, the Care Inspectorate and Health Improvement Scotland conducted a strategic inspection of East Renfrewshire HSCP looking at how well the partnership had: improved performance in both health and social care; developed and implemented operational and strategic planning and commissioning arrangements; established the vision, values, and aims across the partnership; and the leadership of strategy and direction. The inspection scored us positively for each element: performance; strategic planning and commissioning; leadership and direction. It found that the HSCP showed capacity for continuous improvement with its record of sound progress with the integration of health and social care services, supported by an integrated management structure and co-located teams of health and social care staff.

Of particular relevance to this annual report and accounts was the inspectors' comment on the Integration Joint Board's commendable record of sound financial performance. They reported that the Partnership managed its finances competently and well. It used its reserve funds creatively to develop new services to replace out-of-date services. The [Medium-Term Financial Plan](#) was seen as a positive development in the face of the challenges the HSCP was facing.

The outcome of this inspection and the five areas of development identified were reported to the IJB on 27 November 2019. The development areas were:

- The partnership should improve its planning processes (including needs assessment and service/locality planning);
- The partnership should improve its approach to meaningful involvement of a full range of stakeholders (for planning, commissioning and service redesign);
- The partnership should work closely with a full range of stakeholders to develop and implement cross-sector market facilitation approaches;
- The partnership should further develop its quality assurance and self-evaluation approaches;
- The partnership should make sure that it has sufficient effective operational leadership and management capacity to fully implement strategies and plans.

A comprehensive Strategic Improvement Action Plan was presented to the IJB in January 2020 setting out the activities to be undertaken in response to these identified development areas as well other improvement priorities identified in the Ministerial Strategic Group self-evaluation and the findings from the Audit Scotland Report: Health and Social Care Integration.

COVID-19

The COVID-19 outbreak has impacted most seriously on older people and people with long-term conditions. We have focused our services on supporting those at greatest risk in both

community and residential settings. This has seen additional staff support through redeployment and recruitment for care at home and our care home. There has been increased collaborative working with the third/community sector and additional support given to partner provider organisations, particularly our care home providers.

We needed to respond swiftly to the COVID-19 outbreak and to support this we created a mobilisation plan and associated financial implications. This plan was reported to the Scottish Government as part of the totality of the mobilisation by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. The plan covers;

- Reducing the level of delayed discharges of patients in acute hospital provision through increased staffing of hospital discharge team and daily reporting on care home and care at home capacity
- Ensuring resilience and sustainability of care at home provision
- Purchasing additional care home bed capacity to prepare for expected increasing demand
- Recognising additional provider costs and potential sustainability concerns

Our financial implications across the period March 2020 to March 2021, relating to COVID-19 are expected to be in the region of £9 million and these costs will continue to be monitored and revised as we work our way through this pandemic. The costs and provisions included in the 2019/20 accounts are just under £0.3 million. The working assumption for 2020/21 is that funding will be made available to meet the final costs. The main cost areas include: staffing additional hours and absence cover, both HSCP staff and our partner providers; the sustainability of our partner care providers; personal protective equipment (PPE); unachievable savings and prescribing.

A number of governance arrangements were put in place including drawing on business continuity plans to support critical functions, establishing our Local Resilience Management Team, participating in local and national working groups and establishing a COVID-19 Risk Register. We have also worked very closely with our partners' governance and response arrangements during the emergency, including East Renfrewshire Council, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, National Chief Officer, Chief Social Work Officer and Chief Financial Officer meetings.

The IJB met in March as planned through a hybrid of physical and virtual attendance and this allowed the board to agree a budget for 2020/21 and delegate powers to the Chief Officer during the emergency. The Chairs of the IJB and its Performance and Audit Committee were regularly updated and consulted on developments and a weekly information bulletin ensured that all IJB members were updated weekly. Arrangements are in place for future meetings to take place using digital platforms.

Our staff teams have established and adapted to new ways of working and have continued to maintain and deliver safe and effective services to our residents. Across services we have taken innovative approaches and adapted provision to focus on our most vulnerable clients

during the emergency phase of the crisis. We have also had to introduce new ways of working to respond to the crisis including the following areas:

Community Assessment Centre: A Community Assessment Centre for people concerned about their COVID-19 symptoms was set up in Eastwood Health and Care Centre. This involved some adaptations to premises as well as equipping and staffing the centre. The Centre closed in June as a result of falling referrals.

PPE for Health and Social Care: The HSCP implemented a centralised model of PPE stock control to ensure support and supply to those front-line services delivered by the HSCP and our partners providing a range of health and care services throughout East Renfrewshire.

Supporting vulnerable people in the community: In order to prioritise those in greatest need all HSCP services established vulnerable people lists at the start of the crisis. We planned for a significant reduction in the care at home workforce (for all providers) and redeployed staff from day services to support care at home and Bonnyton House. We tailored our training programme for redeployed, new and voluntary staff and this allowed us to prioritise our registered staff to support those most in need.

Care at home has continued to support the majority of people, only withdrawing services at the request of families. The number of visits for some people reduced where support could be provided by informal family care, third/community sector or use of Technology Enabled Care (TEC) where appropriate. To continue to support our residents we have maintained regular telephone contact supported by additional call handling and dedicated phone lines. We have been working closely with the third sector and community groups to coordinate the HSCP, the Council and the community response to non-personal care requests and for wider support to isolated individuals.

Community Pharmacy services has adapted to support people in the community giving priority access to medication for care staff and with HSCP and council support establishing new processes for volunteer drivers to deliver medications to vulnerable and self-isolating residents.

In partnership with Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire and the Council, the HSCP supports the Community Hub helpline which is a “one-stop shop” for residents needing help or those who cannot leave their house and have no means to organise their own essentials.

Supporting unpaid carers: We have been working in close collaboration with the voluntary sector to provide enhanced support to unpaid carers during the COVID-19 crisis. This has seen the establishment of new tailored support and a communication/information strategy for unpaid carers. We established a pathway for carers to access PPE in collaboration with the Carers Centre.

Supporting people in care homes: The care home sector has been particularly affected by the COVID-19 outbreak with a high volume of cases across Scotland. In East Renfrewshire we put in place enhanced support to our care homes from the start of the pandemic. We

established frequent contact with care home management to discuss the issues they are facing, gather information on staffing, bed vacancies and COVID-19 cases, and to support collaborative working across the sector. Care homes have been given priority access to medication through our community pharmacies and we have established new procedures for the stocking of medication in care homes (e.g. specific palliative medication). Care home liaison nursing and commissioning staff are undertaking enhanced assurance and support visits to care. The feedback from these visits has been positive with homes benefitting from independent assurance that they are implementing guidance correctly.

The HSCP established a testing team in response to Scottish Government strategy to undertake enhanced outbreak investigation in all care homes where there are cases of COVID-19. The HSCP has also responded to requests to establish weekly staff testing and surveillance testing in homes.

Alleviating pressure on acute NHS services: Minimising unnecessary use of hospital services is a strategic priority of the HSCP, and this has become even more essential given the additional pressure COVID-19 is putting on acute NHS services. During the period we increased the staff capacity of our hospital discharge team. The team has been working to continually improve referral processes, conducting continuous monitoring of hospital discharges and gathering accurate daily intelligence on care home vacancies and homecare capacity. Delayed discharges have remained low despite significant challenges as a result of the crisis.

The HSCP has also been supporting the primary care sector during the crisis, facilitating remote working arrangements for GPs and support staff through equipment and training. GP Practices worked in collaboration with the HSCP to enhance their business continuity plans, and set up buddying arrangements to mitigate staff absences and ensure the ongoing operation of GP practices.

Supporting vulnerable children and families: The HSCP continued to support children throughout the crisis. Social workers are maintaining keeping in touch contact with all of their other families, albeit engaging in different ways such as telephone, Zoom and now WhatsApp. Where there is high risk activity the emergency team responds to critical situations. Home visiting is continuing to take place across services where this is essential.

The pressure on care placements for children and young people during the COVID-19 lockdown remains significant. Action has been taken to maximise what capacity there is remaining within our fostering service and to continue to find creative solutions in relation to kinship placements. Virtual fostering and kinship panels are taking place on a regular basis to support arrangements. However, as additional demand has placed the service at capacity, the Chief Social Work Officer linked with the Care Inspectorate with regards to the need for emergency provision. An abridged process is being taken forward with a view to the recruitment of existing East Renfrewshire registered employees (e.g. children's social workers, teachers, nurses) to provide care if internal and external placements cease to be available.

There has been an increase of tension within vulnerable family households with teenagers who find it difficult to be confined together with parents/family. As a result of changes in routines and structure, there have been heightened concerns in relation to children and young people diagnosed with Obsessional Compulsive Disorder and Autistic Spectrum Disorder. CAMHS services have offered support through telephone, online and visits as appropriate.

Moving Towards Recovery

Whilst many of the services the HSCP provides are critical and continued to operate through the crisis period we still have a significant programme of work around Recovery and how we move to a “new normal”. This will not simply be reinstating what was in place pre COVID-19, but will look at learning and opportunities from new ways of working. This work will range from small individual service areas to system wide changes in how we work within the HSCP and with our partners. We are using the Scottish Government Recovery Routemap phases to support and inform our recovery plan. A Recovery working group was established and the initial workstreams identified: governance; accommodation, workforce, partner organisations, information technology requirements, PPE, change programme and the ongoing response to COVID-19.

Our recovery planning and the impact on 2020/21 is still in the very early stages and subject to change in this unpredictable and fast-moving environment. Routine reporting and monitoring will take place however the dynamics mean we will have a period of uncertainty. The Medium-Term Financial Plan will be revised when the position stabilises, and the impacts become clearer. Our recovery planning will link to the priorities set out in the HSCP Strategic Improvement Action Plan that was developed in response to the Joint Strategic Inspection of Adult Services, the Ministerial Strategic Group self-evaluation and the findings from the Audit Scotland Report: Health and Social Care Integration.




2019-20 Performance Achievements

In addition to our quarterly reports we publish an Annual Performance Report which is made publicly available on our website in line with statutory guidance. The Annual Performance report demonstrates how we review our performance for 2019/20 against local and national performance indicators and against the commitments within our Strategic Plan.



The extract below shows the headline indicators we look at each year to assess our performance.

The RAG status and trend arrows are explained below. Intended performance direction is given in the description of each indicator (i.e. 'increase' or 'decrease').

Key to performance status	
Green	Performance is at or better than the target
Amber	Performance is close (approximately 5% variance) to target
Red	Performance is far from the target (over 5%)
Grey	No current performance information or target to measure against

Direction of travel*	
	Performance is IMPROVING
	Performance is MAINTAINED
	Performance is WORSENING

*For consistency, trend arrows always point upwards where there is improved performance or downwards where there is worsening performance including where our aim is to decrease the value (e.g. if we successfully reduce a value the arrow will point upwards).

Strategic Priority 1 - Working together with children, young people and their families to improve mental wellbeing						
Indicator	2019/20	Current Target	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	Trend from previous year
Children and young people starting treatment for specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services within 18 weeks of referral (INCREASE)	78%	90%	74%	89%	90%	
Increase in improved outcomes for children after parent/carer completion	96%	84%	89%	79%	78%	

Strategic Priority 1 - Working together with children, young people and their families to improve mental wellbeing

Indicator	2019/20	Current Target	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	Trend from previous year
of Psychology of Parenting Programme (POPP) (INCREASE)						
Balance of Care for looked after children: % of children being looked after in the Community (LGBF) (INCREASE)	n/a	Data only	98.0%	93.6%	91.5%	↑

*Mid-year 19/20 figure

Strategic Priority 2 - Working together with our community planning partners on new community justice pathways that support people to prevent and reduce offending and rebuild lives

Indicator	2019/20	Current Target	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	Trend from previous year
Community Payback Orders - Percentage of unpaid work placement completions within Court timescale. (INCREASE)	71%	80%	84%	92%	96%	↓
% Change in women's domestic abuse outcomes (INCREASE)	79%	70%	64%	65%	66%	↑
% of service users moving from drug treatment to recovery service (INCREASE)	16%	10%	22%	12%	9%	↓

Strategic Priority 3 - Working together with our communities that experience shorter life expectancy and poorer health to improve their wellbeing

Indicator	2019/20	Current Target	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	Trend from previous year
Increase the number of smokers supported to successfully stop smoking in the 40% most deprived SIMD areas. (This measure captures quits at three months and is reported 12 weeks in arrears.) (INCREASE)	12*	6*	6	20	27	↑
Health and Social Care Integration - Core Suite of Indicators NI-11: Premature mortality rate per 100,000 persons aged under 75. (European	n/a	Data Only	308	301	297	▬

Strategic Priority 3 - Working together with our communities that experience shorter life expectancy and poorer health to improve their wellbeing

Indicator	2019/20	Current Target	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	Trend from previous year
age-standardised mortality rate) (DECREASE)						

*Mid-year 19/20 figure

Strategic Priority 4 - Working together with people to maintain their independence at home and in their local community

Indicator	2019/20	Current Target	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	Trend from previous year
Number of people self directing their care through receiving direct payments and other forms of self-directed support. (INCREASE)	518*	600	514	491	364	↑
Percentage of people aged 65+ who live in housing rather than a care home or hospital (INCREASE)	96%	97%	95.9%	96.6%	96.8%	▬
People reporting 'living where you/as you want to live' needs met (%) (INCREASE)	88%	90%	92%	84%	79%	↓

*Mid-year 19/20 figure

Strategic Priority 5 - Working together with people who experience mental ill-health to support them on their journey to recovery

Indicator	2019/20	Current Target	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	Trend from previous year
Percentage of people waiting no longer than 18 weeks for access to psychological therapies (INCREASE)	65%	90%	54%	80%	56%	↑

Strategic Priority 6 - Working together with our colleagues in primary and acute care to care for people to reduce unplanned admissions to hospital

Indicator	2019/20	Current Target	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	Trend from previous year
Acute Bed Days Lost to Delayed Discharge (Aged 18+ including Adults)	1,788	1,893	2,284	1,860	2,704	↑

Strategic Priority 6 - Working together with our colleagues in primary and acute care to care for people to reduce unplanned admissions to hospital						
Indicator	2019/20	Current Target	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	Trend from previous year
with Incapacity) (<i>DECREASE</i>) (Ministerial Steering Group data)						
No. of A & E Attendances (adults) (<i>DECREASE</i>) (Ministerial Steering Group data)	20,090	18,332	20,212	19,344	18,747	↑
Number of Emergency Admissions: Adults (<i>DECREASE</i>) Ministerial Steering Group	7,504*	7,130	7,320*	7,432	8,032	↓
% of last six months of life spent in Community setting (<i>INCREASE</i>) MSG	88%*	86%	86%*	85%	86%	↑

* Full year data not available for 2019/20. Figure relates to 12 months Jan-Dec 2019.

Previous year (2018) gives calendar year figure for comparison. Data from ISD release, 5 June 2020

Strategic Priority 7 - Working together with people who care for someone ensuring they are able to exercise choice and control in relation to their caring activities						
Indicator	2019/20	Current Target	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	Trend from previous year
People reporting 'quality of life for carers' needs fully met (%) (<i>INCREASE</i>)	92%	72%	78%	72%	70%	↑

Funding 2019/20

The net total health and social care funding from our partners for financial year 2019/20 was £153.559 million:

	£ Million
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Primary Care	72.462
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Large Hospital Services	31.223
East Renfrewshire Council Social Care	49.598
East Renfrewshire Council Housing Aids and Adaptations	0.276
Total Net Funding	153.559

The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES) (page 45) shows the IJB gross income as £175.442 million, as that statement shows service income, grant funding, resource transfer and social care fund monies which are included within the net funding from our partners in the table above. The purpose of the CIES presentation is to show the gross cost of the services we provide.

Work continues to be progressed with the set aside funding for large hospital services, however arrangements under the control of the IJB (and those across Greater Glasgow) are not yet operating as required by the legislation and statutory guidance. Each Health Board, in partnership with the Local Authority and IJB, must fully implement the delegated hospital budget and set aside budget requirements of the legislation in line with the statutory guidance published in June 2015. A Greater Glasgow and Clyde wide Unscheduled Care Commissioning Plan has been developed and represents the first steps in developing strategic plans for the unscheduled care pathway (set aside) as set out in legislation. The IJB will consider this plan as part of its consultation, although this may be impacted by changes resulting from COVID 19 implications.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde are now in a position to report the set aside figures based on actual expenditure of £31.223 million which has resulted in the restatement of 2018/19 figures. These were previously based on a notional budget figure of £16.624 million. The notional budgets for set aside were based on NRAC (resource allocation formula) activity and information from the cost book and were very high level. Actual figures are now based on a much more detailed approach including actual spend and activity for each year.

Resource Transfer shows NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde specific funding for historic bed closures and is used to purchase care packages and community-based services. The Social Care Fund was allocated by the Scottish Government to IJBs, via the NHS funding stream, to meet specific costs such as living wage and other fair work practices and adult demographic pressures.

Financial Performance 2019/20

The annual report and accounts for the IJB covers the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020, with comparable figures shown for 2018/19.

The budgets and outturns for the operational services (our management accounts) as reported regularly throughout the year to the IJB are summarised below:

Service	Budget	Spend	Variance (Over) / Under	Variance (Over) / Under
	£ Million	£ Million	£ Million	%
Children & Families	13.268	12.631	0.637	4.80%
Older Peoples Services	18.736	19.072	(0.336)	(1.79%)
Physical / Sensory Disability	5.498	5.468	0.030	0.55%
Learning Disability – Community	10.586	10.681	(0.095)	(0.90%)
Learning Disability – Inpatients	8.361	8.359	0.002	0.02%
Augmentative and Alternative Communication	0.220	0.220	-	-
Intensive Services	10.570	11.100	(0.530)	(5.01%)
Mental Health	4.130	3.941	0.189	4.58%
Addictions / Substance Misuse	1.111	1.098	0.013	1.17%
Family Health Services	23.805	23.805	-	-
Prescribing	15.779	16.090	(0.311)	(1.97%)
Criminal Justice	-	-	-	-
Planning & Health Improvement	0.230	0.132	0.098	42.61%
Finance and Resources	9.766	9.528	0.238	2.44%
Net Expenditure Health and Social Care	122.060	122.125	(0.065)	(0.05%)
Housing	0.276	0.276	-	-
Set Aside for Large Hospital Services	31.223	31.223	-	-
Total Integration Joint Board	153.559	153.624	(0.065)	(0.05%)

The £0.065 million overspend (0.05%) is broadly in line with the reporting taken to the IJB during the year and the overspend is funded, as planned, from our reserves. We expected to draw from reserves as we recognised we would not achieve all savings required during the year as our individual budget approach would take many months to implement; we did not have capacity to work on our digital savings programme and we achieved part year savings from the second phase of our structure review.

The impact of COVID-19 in the closing weeks of 2019/20 will have resulted in some reduction in day to day costs. The main variances to the budget were:

- Underspends in a number of services are from staff turnover and vacant posts during the year, reflecting the general trends of recruitment and retention issues within health and social care.

- Children’s services purchased care costs, including residential care, foster and adoption were lower than budget during the year.
- Older Peoples and Intensive Services ended the year with a collective overspend of £0.9 million from care package costs for residential and care at home costs, reflecting the continued impacts of population growth in older people and the demand for services. We are addressing our care at home costs as an element within the action plan and redesign of this service.
- The overspend in prescribing is a result of both cost and volume across a number of drugs and also allowed for an expected spike in demand in February and March 2020 as the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic began to emerge.

The IJB receives regular and detailed revenue budget monitoring throughout the year.

The set aside budget is shown as nil variance as this currently is not a cash budget to the HSCP. To eliminate any “notional” variance to the IJB the budget is shown as the same value as the HSCP share of the collective costs. The budget equivalent share was identified as £25.516 million and the overspend of £5.707 million is contained within the Health Board. As outlined earlier work is ongoing to agree the mechanism for bringing the set aside budget into an operational stage and this includes ensuring a balanced budget will be achieved.

A number of services are hosted by the other IJBs who partner NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and our use of hosted services is detailed at Note 4 (Page 53). The hosted services are accounted for on a principal basis, as detailed at Note 11 (Page 59).

The information above reflects our management accounts reporting throughout 2019/20 whilst the CIES at Page 45 presents the financial information in the required statutory reporting format; the movement between these of £0.546m million is a result of the management accounting treatment of reserves:

Reconciliation of CIES to Operational Overspend	£ Million	£ Million
IJB operational overspend on service delivery		(0.065)
Reserves planned use during the year	(1.578)	
Reserves added during the year	1.032	
Net movement between management accounts and CIES		(0.546)
IJB CIES overspend		(0.611)

Total Use of Reserves During 2019/20	£ Million
Reserves planned use during the year	(1.578)
Reserves draw to fund operational overspend	(0.065)
Total Reserves used during 2019/20	(1.643)

Reserves

We used £1.643 million of reserves in year and we also invested £1.032 million into earmarked reserves. The year on year movement in reserves is set out at Note 8 (Page 58) and is summarised:

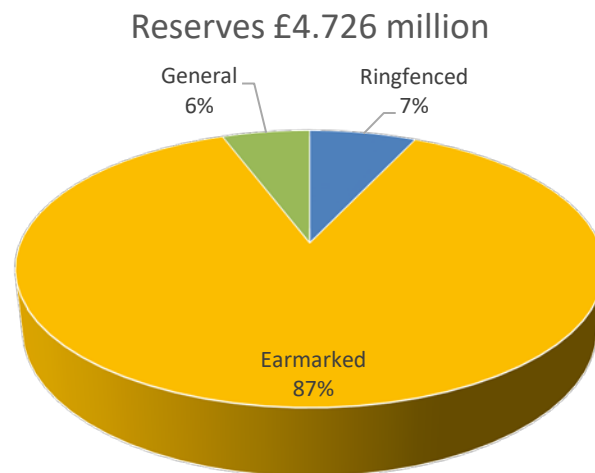
	£ Million	£ Million
Reserves at 31 March 2019		5.337
Planned use of existing reserves during the year	(1.643)	
Funds added to reserves during the year	1.032	
Net decrease in reserves during the year		(0.611)
Reserves at 31 March 2020		4.726

The purpose, use and categorisation of IJB reserves is supported by a Reserves Policy and Financial Regulations, both of which were reviewed in March 2020 in line with the statutory review of the Integration Scheme.

The reserves of the IJB fall into three types:

- Ringfenced: the funding is earmarked and can only be used for that specific purpose
- Earmarked: the funding has been allocated for a specific purpose
- General: this can be used for any purpose

The current balance of £4.726 million for all reserves falls in these three reserves types:



Our ring-fenced reserves show the funding that comes from the Scottish Government to support national programmes including Primary Care Improvement, Mental Health Action 15 and Alcohol and Drugs. This funding is allocated from the Scottish Government based on the cost and activity returns we are required to submit throughout the year.

We started the year with £0.599 million ring-fenced reserves and during the year we spent £0.463 million. Of the £0.195 million we added in year, £0.078 million is new funding to support GP premises and the remaining £0.117 million is continued programme funding.

Our earmarked reserves are in place to support a number of projects, provide transitional funding for service redesign, provide bridging finance for in year pressures, add capacity to support service initiatives and to support longer term cost smoothing and timing.

We started the year with £4.466 million earmarked reserves and during the year we spent £1.180 million. The main areas of spend were:

- £0.519 million to support the timing and implementation of budget savings as agreed as part of our budget setting and financial planning.
- £0.229 million to support the revenue costs of the decant of Bonnyton House to allow the capital works, as part of East Renfrewshire Council capital programme, to be undertaken. This includes roofing work, internal and external refurbishment.
- £0.250 million to support the Care at Home action plan.

We also added £0.837 million during the year to earmarked reserves, including:

- £0.408 million added to our budget savings reserve which included release of £0.309 million funding previously held as deferred income and transfers from older reserves now closed.
- £0.311 million for school counselling which was transferred to the HSCP towards the end of 2019/20. This was part of the 2019/20 budget funding the Scottish Government announced and is supported, within Children's Services, by an implementation plan.
- £0.101 million for a new reserve for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, newly hosted by the HSCP during 2019/20. This reserve will allow the service to better deal with the flux in demand for assessment and equipment in this highly specialised area.
- £0.100 million for health visitors, new within Children's Services

In addition to the above we have also closed two older reserves where the activity took place and was contained within the core budget (small projects and Learning Disability) and reallocated this £0.158 million to;

- £0.061 million to increase support and training capacity in District Nursing
- £0.097 million added to our budget savings reserve

We had also planned to meet some refurbishment costs for work within our Learning Disability in-patient units, however this work was delayed, and costs will be incurred in 2020/21. We have also committed funding from the transitional funding reserve for Learning Disabilities specialist services to meet the costs of a post; Challenging Behaviours Network Manager, for two years to support this work.

Our general reserve at £0.272 million is well below the optimum level at a value of 2% of budget we would ideally hold. The general reserve is currently 0.2% of the 2020/21 revenue budget.

Future Challenges

The IJB continues to face a number of challenges, risks and uncertainties in the coming years and this is set out in our current Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2019/20 to 2023/24 which supports our strategic planning process and provides a financial context to support medium-term planning and decision making.

This plan sets out the potential cost pressures of circa £5.1 to £5.7 million per year for the five years 2019/20 to 2023/24. The resulting funding gap will be dependent on the funding settlement for each year.

The 2020/21 budget settlement fell within the poor settlement range of scenario planning assumptions with cost pressures of just over £6 million and subsequent required savings of £2.4 million after all funding uplifts.

The budget agreed on 18th March 2020 set out how we will achieve the £2.4 million savings to balance our budget. We identified £0.8 million from specific budget areas and we will need to prioritise care package costs to meet the remaining balance of £1.6 million savings, as we had previously signalled, this will mean an impact on our frontline services and care packages.

This budget was agreed as the COVID-19 pandemic was emerging in Scotland and the rest of the UK, and regular monitoring of the operational budget and the COVID-19 Mobilisation Plan are in place and implications and risk will continue to be addressed as costs become clearer. There is a significant financial risk to the HSCP if additional costs are not fully funded.

The work undertaken to date on our recovery programme has focussed on the short to medium term to allow us to emerge from the crisis phase and work towards the “new normal”. There will be significant work coming from this programme that will inform our longer term strategic and financial planning.

Demographic pressures remain a very specific challenge for East Renfrewshire as we have an increasing elderly population with a higher life expectancy than the Scottish average and a rise in the number of children with complex needs resulting in an increase in demand for services.

In addition to COVID-19 the consequence of Brexit may also impact on the future of the services we provide and our ability to meet the needs of the communities we serve.

We have successfully operated integrated services for a number of years and we have already faced a number of challenges and opportunities open to newer partnerships. However our funding and savings challenge take no account of this history. Whilst we have agreed a population based approach for future (NHS) financial frameworks and models this does not address the base budget.

Prescribing Costs; The cost of drugs prescribed to the population of East Renfrewshire by GPs and other community prescribers is delegated to the IJB. This is a complex and volatile cost base of around £16 million per year. The COVID-19 impact on prescribing in the medium to long term is unclear.

Delayed Discharge; In order to achieve the target time of 72 hours we continue to require more community based provision. The medium-term aspiration is that the costs of increased community services will be met by shifting the balance of care from hospital services. The work to agree a funding mechanism to achieve this remains ongoing with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and its partner IJBs.

Care Providers: The impact on the sustainability of the care provider market following COVID-19 is unknown and we will continue to work closely with all our partners to work through issues, support where we can and look to develop the best way of working as we move forward. This will build on our work to date, including preparation to move to a new contractual framework.

We continue to develop our performance and financial reporting in more detail at a locality level to allow fuller reporting and understanding of future trends and service demands and include COVID-19 implications and scenarios.

We plan to deal with these challenges in the following ways:

- Our Recovery Plan will be implemented throughout 2020/21 and beyond and regular reports will be taken to the IJB.
- We will update our Medium-Term Financial Plan once COVID-19 impacts become clearer. This will allow us to continue to use scenario-based financial planning and modelling to assess and refine the impact of different levels of activity, funding, pressures, possible savings and associated impacts.
- We will continue to monitor in detail the impacts of COVID-19, Brexit and operational issues through our financial and performance monitoring to allow us to take swift action where needed, respond flexibly to immediate situations and to inform longer term planning.
- We will continue to work through our Care at Home action plan and service redesign, taking into account the changing COVID-19 landscape.
- We will continue to progress and report on our Strategic Improvement Plan until fully complete.
- We have identified savings proposals for 2020/21 and as we previously indicated will now need to move to a prioritisation and criteria-based model for care package support. Our individual budget calculator will be revised. We will continue to use our reserve through 2020/21 to phase in budget savings. It is possible we will deplete this reserve in 2020/21 so there is a significant risk associated with:
 - Ensuring savings are achieved on a recurring basis by the end of the financial year
 - Impact of a similar level of budget settlement in 2021/22
 - Unknown impact of COVID-19

- We have realigned our adult services to reflect a change to our senior management structure which we have increased recognising, as supported in the Strategic Inspection, we had reduced capacity too far in previous savings delivery. We have appointed to our new post; Head of Recovery and Intensive Services.
- We routinely report our performance to the IJB with further scrutiny from our Performance and Audit Committee and our Clinical and Care Governance Group. The service user and carer representation on the IJB and its governance structures is drawn from Your Voice which includes representatives from community care groups, representatives from our localities and representatives from equality organisations including disability and faith groups.
- Governance Code; we have robust governance arrangements supported by a Governance Code.
- The IJB continues to operate in a challenging environment and our financial, risk and performance reporting continue to be a key focus of each IJB agenda.

We regularly review our strategic risk register for the IJB which identifies the key areas of risk that may impact the IJB and have implemented a range of mitigating actions to minimise any associated impact. A separate COVID-19 Risk Register is in place.

The future challenges detailed above and our associated response include the main areas of risk that the IJB is facing. The uncertainty of the impact of COVID-19 and the capacity for the HSCP and its partners to deliver services whilst maintaining financial sustainability are significant risks.

Conclusion

East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board continued, pre COVID-19, to be well placed in the short term to meet the coming challenges, building on many years of delivering integrated health and social care services and continuing to lead on developing new and innovative models of service delivery, not only ensuring financial sustainability, but also meeting the needs of our population. There is a degree of uncertainty over the medium to longer term funding which could pose risk to meeting future demand, however we continue to plan ahead and prepare for a range of scenarios. The implications of the COVID-19 pandemic are largely unknown at this point and this conclusion must be caveated to that effect.

Caroline Bamforth
Chair
Integration Joint Board

23rd September 2020

Julie Murray
Chief Officer
Integration Joint Board

23rd September 2020

Lesley Bairden ACMA CGMA
Chief Financial Officer
Integration Joint Board

23rd September 2020

Statement of Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the Integration Joint Board

The IJB is required to:

- Make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to ensure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In East Renfrewshire IJB, the proper officer is the Chief Financial 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 Statement of Accounts.

I confirm that the audited Annual Accounts were approved for signature at a meeting of the Integration Joint Board on 23rd September 2020.

Caroline Bamforth

Chair

Integration Joint Board 23rd September 2020

Responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial 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 these annual accounts, the Chief Financial Officer has:

- Selected appropriate accounting policies and applied them consistently.
- Made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent.
- Complied with the legislation.
- Complied with the Accounting Code (in so far as it is compatible with the legislation).

The Chief Financial Officer has also:

- Kept proper accounting records that 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 East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board as at 31st March 2020 and the transactions for the IJB for the period covering 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020.

Lesley Bairden ACMA CGMA
Chief Financial Officer
Integration Joint Board 23rd September 2020

Remuneration Report

Introduction

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

The IJB does not directly employ any staff in its own right. All staff are employed through either East Renfrewshire Council or NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. The report contains information on the IJB's Chief Officer's remuneration together with any taxable expenses relating to voting members claimed in the year. The remuneration of senior officers is determined by the contractual arrangements of East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

For 2019/20 no taxable expenses were claimed by members of the IJB.

The board members are entitled to payment for travel and subsistence expenses relating to approved duties. Payment of voting board members' allowances is the responsibility of the member's individual partnership body. Non-voting members of the IJB are entitled to the payment of travel expenses.

The IJB does not provide any additional remuneration to the Chair, Vice Chair or any other board members relating to their role on the IJB.

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

Integration Joint Board

The voting members of the IJB were appointed through nomination by East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Senior Officers

The Chief Officer is appointed by the IJB in consultation with East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. The Chief Officer is employed by East Renfrewshire Council and is funded equally between East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

The total remuneration received by the Chief Officer in 2019/20 amounted to £110,954 in respect of all duties undertaken during the financial year. In respect of the Chief Financial Officer, total remuneration for 2019/20 amounted to £84,772.

Name and Post	Salary, Fees and Allowances £	Taxable Expenses £	Total Remuneration £
Julie Murray, Chief Officer 2019/20	110,954	-	110,954
Julie Murray, Chief Officer 2018/19	107,767	-	107,767

Name and Post	Salary, Fees and Allowances £	Taxable Expenses £	Total Remuneration £
Lesley Bairden, Chief Financial Officer 2019/20	84,759	13	84,772
Lesley Bairden, Chief Financial Officer 2018/19	82,342	-	82,342

Voting Board Members 2019/20		Total Taxable IJB Related Expenses £
Councillor Caroline Bamforth (Vice Chair)	East Renfrewshire Council	Nil
Councillor Tony Buchanan	East Renfrewshire Council	Nil
Councillor Paul O' Kane	East Renfrewshire Council	Nil
Councillor Jim Swift	East Renfrewshire Council	Nil
Susan Brimelow	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	Nil
John Matthews	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	Nil
Anne-Marie Monaghan (Chair)	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	Nil
Flavia Tudoreanu	NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	Nil

The equivalent cost in 2018/19 was nil for all IJB members.

The Pension entitlement for the Chief Officer for the year to 31st March 2020 is shown in the table below, together with the contribution made by the employing body to this pension during the year.

Name and Post	In Year Pension Contribution For year to 31 st March £	Accrued Pension Benefit as at 31 st March	
		Pension £	Lump Sum £
Julie Murray, Chief Officer 2019/20	21,414	42,146	58,504
Julie Murray, Chief Officer 2018/19	20,799	38,772	56,800

The Chief Financial Officer joined the pension scheme on appointment in August 2015 and under the terms of the scheme no lump sum benefit has been identified.

Name and Post	In Year Pension Contribution For year to 31 st March £	Accrued Pension Benefit as at 31 st March	
		Pension £	Lump Sum £
Lesley Bairden, Chief Financial Officer 2019/20	16,358	7,104	-
Lesley Bairden, Chief Financial Officer 2018/19	15,892	5,247	-

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 pension liability reflected on the IJB balance sheet for the Chief Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or any other officers.

However, the IJB has responsibility for funding the employer's contributions for the current year in respect of the officer time spent on fulfilling the responsibilities of their role on the IJB. The table above shows the IJB's funding during 2019/20 to support officers' pension benefits. The table also shows the total value of accrued pension benefits which may include benefits earned from a previous employment and from each officers' own contributions.

General Disclosure by Pay Bands

The regulations require the Remuneration Report to provide information on the number of persons whose remuneration was £50,000 or above. This information is provided in bands of £5,000.

General Disclosure by Pay Bands

Number of Employees 31 st March 2019	Remuneration Band	Number of Employees 31 st March 2020
1	£80,000 - £85,999	1
1	£105,000 - £109,999	1

Caroline Bamforth
Chair
Integration Joint Board 23rd September 2020

Julie Murray
Chief Officer
Integration Joint Board 23rd September 2020

Annual Governance Statement

Introduction

The Annual Governance Statement explains the IJB's governance arrangements and reports on the effectiveness of the IJB's system of internal control. This is in line with the Code of Corporate Governance and meets the requirements of the 'Code of Practice for Local Authority Accounting in the UK: A Statement of Recommended Practice', in relation to the Statement on the System of Internal Financial Control. This should ensure:

- A focus on the assessment of how well the governance framework is working and what actions are being taken.
- The importance of the role and responsibilities of partners in supporting IJB good governance is adequately reflected.

Scope of Responsibility

The IJB is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for and used economically, efficiently and effectively. To ensure best value the IJB commits to continuous quality improvement in performance across all areas of activity.

To meet this responsibility the IJB continues to operate the governance arrangements first put in place during 2015/16, including the system of internal control. This is intended to manage risk to a reasonable level but cannot eliminate the risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives and can therefore only provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance of effectiveness.

In discharging these responsibilities, the Chief Officer has a reliance on East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde systems of internal control that support compliance with both organisations' policies and promotes achievement of each organisations' aims and objectives, as well as those of the IJB.

The 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 and the activities through which it accounts to, engages with, and leads the community. It enables the IJB to monitor the achievement of its strategic objectives and to consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate, cost-effective services.

The system of internal control is a significant part of that framework and is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level. 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 policies, aims and

objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

We have robust governance arrangements and have consolidated these into a Governance Code.

The Governance Framework

The main features of the governance framework in place during 2019/20 are summarised below:

- The IJB, comprising all IJB Board members, is the key decision-making body.
- The scope, authority, governance and remit of the IJB is set out in constitutional documents including the Integration Scheme, Board terms of reference, scheme of administration and financial regulations and as reflected in our Code of Governance.
- The Performance and Audit Committee and Clinical and Care Governance Group provide further levels of scrutiny for the IJB.
- The IJB's purpose and vision is outlined in the IJB Strategic Plan which sets out how we will deliver the national health and wellbeing outcomes. This is underpinned by an annual implementation plan and performance indicators. Regular progress reports on the delivery of the Strategic Plan are provided to the Performance and Audit Committee and the IJB.
- The IJB has adopted a 'Code of Conduct' for all of its Board Members and employees. A register of interests is in place for all Board members and senior officers.
- The Performance and Audit Committee routinely review the Strategic Risk Register.
- The IJB has in place a continuous development programme with an ongoing series of seminars covering a wide range of topics and issues.
- The IJB has two localities Eastwood and Barrhead, aligned with hospital use and includes three clusters of GP practices. Each Locality has a dedicated Locality Manager.

The governance framework was put in place during 2015/16 when the IJB was established and the Governance Code was formalised and audited in 2017/18 and continues to operate effectively.

During the majority of 2019/20 our governance system operated as normal, however as a result of COVID-19 from March 2020 we needed to change some of those arrangements including; drawing on business continuity plans to support critical functions, establishing our Local Resilience Management Team, participating in local and national working groups and establishing a COVID-19 Risk Register. We have also worked very closely with our partners' governance and response arrangements during the emergency, including East Renfrewshire

Council, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, National Chief Officer, Chief Social Work Officer and Chief Financial Officer meetings.

We have moved our IJB meetings to a video conferencing platform and agreed with our chair and vice chair a prioritised agenda for each meeting. We did not hold a Performance and Audit Committee meeting in March or June 2020 with relevant reports being taken directly to the IJB. Our Clinical and Care Governance group has met as planned using video conferencing.

Best Value

The IJB has a duty of Best Value and this includes ensuring continuous improvement in performance, while maintaining an appropriate balance between the quality of those services provided by the HSCP and the cost of doing so. We need to consider factors such as the economy, efficiency, effectiveness and equal opportunities. The IJB ensures this happens through its vision and leadership and this is supported and delivered by:



The System of Internal Financial Control

The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information, financial regulations, administrative procedures (including segregation of duties), management supervision, and a system of delegation and accountability. Development and maintenance of these systems is undertaken by East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde as part of the operational delivery of the HSCP. In particular, these systems include:

- Financial regulations and codes of financial practice.
- Comprehensive budgeting systems.
- Regular reviews of periodic and annual financial reports that indicate financial performance against the forecasts.
- Setting targets to measure financial and other performance.
- Clearly defined capital expenditure guidelines.
- Formal project management disciplines.
- The IJB's financial management arrangements complies with the governance requirements of the CIPFA statement: 'The Role of the Chief Financial Officer in Local Government (2010)'.

With regard to the entries taken from East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde accounts, the IJB is not aware of any weaknesses within their internal control systems and has placed reliance on the individual Statements of Internal Financial Control where appropriate.

Review of Adequacy and Effectiveness

The IJB has responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. The review of the effectiveness of the framework is informed by the work of the Senior Management Team who have responsibility for development and maintenance of the governance environment, the annual report by the Chief Internal Auditor and reports from Audit Scotland and other review agencies.

The Chief Internal Auditor reports directly to the IJB Performance and Audit Committee on all audit matters, with the right of access to the Chief Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chair of the Performance and Audit Committee on any matter. In accordance with the principles of the code of corporate governance, regular reports were made to the IJB's Performance and Audit Committee during 2019/20. A member of East Renfrewshire Council's Audit and Scrutiny Committee was co-opted to the IJB Performance and Audit Committee during 2016/17 to promote transparency.

The Internal Audit function has independent responsibility for examining, evaluating and reporting on the adequacy of internal control. The IJB's internal audit arrangements comply with the governance requirements of the CIPFA statement: 'The Role of the Head of Internal Audit in Public Organisations (2019)'.

During 2019/20 the service operated in accordance with relevant professional audit standards and the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards. The Chief Internal Auditor's opinion as reported to the Audit Committee, confirmed: "It is my opinion, based on the information available and

assurances provided, that reasonable assurance can be placed on the framework of governance, risk management and internal controls which operated in the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board in the year to 31 March 2020”.

We have a formal Code of Governance and the sections in the code and our level of compliance can be summarised as detailed below:

Code Section	Level of Compliance
Integration Scheme	Full
Local Governance Arrangements & Delegation of Functions	Full
Local Operational Delivery Arrangements	Full
Performance and Audit	Full
Clinical and Care Governance	Full
Chief Officer	Full
Workforce	Part
Finance	Full
Participation and Engagement	Full
Information Sharing and Data Handling	Full
Complaints/ Dispute Resolution Mechanism	Full
Claims Handling, Liability & Indemnity	Full
Risk Management	Full

The area where we are partly compliant is:

- Workforce; we have a local workforce plan and learning & development plan. A three-year Workforce Plan covering 2021-24 needs to be approved and published by 31st March 2021.

Governance Issues during 2019/20

Whilst all operational and transactional governance issues are considered within our partner’s governance frameworks the IJB Performance and Audit Committee take an overview on all actions resulting from both internal and external audit reports, covering all live actions whether pre or post 31st March 2020.

Regular reports on audit recommendations and associated actions are presented to and considered by the Performance and Audit Committee of the IJB. The IJB will also receive direct reports where appropriate.

The recommendations from the follow up audit on the implementation of the Care Finance system are taken to the Performance and Audit Committee with progress updates on a six-monthly timescale. Progress has been made on these recommendations however the planned audit follow up work in March 2020 was impacted by COVID-19 so this will be completed during 2020/21.

The IJB Risk Policy was audited during the year and was found to be compliant.

The redesign and improvement plan for the Care at Home service is ongoing and includes all Care Inspectorate requirements.

- The programme is led by the Chief Officer and the programme oversight board is chaired by the Council Chief Executive. Membership includes staff side, human resources, legal services, the Chief Social Work Officer and the Intensive Services Manager and Programme Manager.
- A Report on progress, timelines and key milestones is also taken to each meeting of the Integration Joint Board.

The implementation of a new finance system by East Renfrewshire Council was undertaken with the HSCP having full representation on the project board.

The COVID-19 pandemic has meant that how the IJB operates and therefore associated governance has been impacted. The IJB met on 18 March 2020 and agreed delegated powers to allow the Chief Officer and the HSCP the flexibility to adapt to the significant public health challenges resulting from this pandemic.

The Scottish Government introduced new legislation; The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020. The HSCP has complied with this legislation as appropriate.

All decisions taken under delegated authority are logged and a full record of decisions taken supports the Local Resilience Management Team process put in place as well as our Mobilisation Plan.

The HSCP is working with all partners at a local and national level to play our part in the response to the pandemic and has had to respond swiftly to a number of challenges including establishing a community assessment centre and a PPE Hub; supporting care home testing, as well as implementing business continuity plans to ensure services can deliver as much support as possible and in particular to our most vulnerable and at risk residents.

The Recovery work which is underway builds on this initial emergency response phase and will help inform how we plan to reintroduce as much as we can as we move to the new normal. This will also help inform our next strategic plan for 2022 - 2025. Significant work is required to review the disruption to and impact on services and our aim is to build what we have learned during the initial response, not only by the HSCP, but also that of our partners and most importantly those who use our services.

There are significant implications from both the emergency response and from the ongoing recovery phase. Our Mobilisation Plan was agreed with the Scottish Government and the detailed cost tracker; the funding discussions are ongoing.

Action Plan

The table below shows the progress made during 2019/20 against the actions that we identified in our 2018/19 annual report and accounts:

Action	Progress
Ensure our Care at Home improvement plan is fully implemented, with progress against actions and target dates continuing to be reported to the Integration Joint Board throughout 2019/20.	Our Care at Home action plan is a standing agenda item for our IJB. This will continue to be reported until all actions are closed and the service redesign complete.
Continue to develop our management information to better inform our strategic and financial planning, commissioning strategy, change programme and decision-making processes.	We have developed our performance reporting including a new suite of local performance indicators. The changes we have made to our staff structure support and promote the benefits of robust data recording, development and analysis.
Maintain and report, at least annually an updated Medium-Term Financial Plan reflecting the latest intelligence and assumptions to support and inform future funding modelling and scenarios. This will be supplemented by seminars at specific stages in the budget setting process.	<p>The budget report submitted to the IJB on 18 March stated that the MTFP would be revised for April following finalisation of any implications from the UK final budget.</p> <p>The subsequent COVID-19 pandemic has overtaken that date and the plan will be revised in due course.</p> <p>It is worth noting that the 2020/21 budget settlements fell within the scenarios of the existing MTFP.</p>
Implement commissioning arrangements for the set aside budget and reduce our Accident and Emergency attendances.	A Greater Glasgow and Clyde wide Unscheduled Care Commissioning Plan has been developed and represents the first steps in developing strategic plans for the unscheduled care pathway (set aside) as set out in legislation. The IJB will consider this plan as part of its consultation.
Continue to work with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde regarding the timing of future years funding confirmation, the budget setting timescale for 2020/21 demonstrates progress despite timeframe constraints.	This is ongoing however the IJB did agree a budget on 18 March with offers from both partners, albeit with caveats around the timing of the UK budget and the emerging implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Regularly report on the local and national actions, along with our partners, resulting from the Audit Scotland Review of Integration and the Ministerial Strategic Group review of Health and Community Care.	The IJB now has one action plan which combines the actions from these two reports along with those resulting from the areas for development from our strategic inspection. This single action plan – our Strategic Improvement Plan was agreed by the IJB on 29 January 2020.
Develop and publish our three-year Workforce Plan for 2020-23.	The date for the three-year Workforce Plan has been revised, by the Scottish Government to 2021-24.

The actions to take in 2020/21 to improve strengthening our corporate governance arrangements are:

- Continue to report on our Care at Home action plan at each IJB until full implementation of redesign and closure of all actions.
- Revise our Medium-Term Financial Plan once the implications from the COVID-19 pandemic are clearer.
- Implement the commissioning arrangements for unscheduled care once the system wide commissioning plan is finalised.
- Continue to report on our Strategic Improvement Plan until fully complete.
- Review our Best Value reporting with our Annual Performance Report.
- Implement our Recovery work programme whilst recognising that this will need to flex and adapt to changing circumstances.

Conclusion and Opinion on Assurance

It is our opinion that reasonable assurance can be placed upon the adequacy and effectiveness of the IJB system of governance.

We consider the internal control environment provides reasonable and objective assurance that any significant risks impacting on our principle 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.

Caroline Bamforth

Chair

Integration Joint Board 23rd September 2020

Julie Murray

Chief Officer

Integration Joint Board 23rd September 2020

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

Report 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 East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board for the year ended 31 March 2020 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 International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union, and as interpreted and adapted by the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20 (the 2019/20 Code).

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view in accordance with applicable law and the 2019/20 Code of the state of affairs of the body as at 31 March 2020 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 2019/20 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 under arrangements approved by the Accounts Commission on 07 January 2019. The period of total uninterrupted appointment is five years. I am independent of the body 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 the body. 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 nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require me to report to you where:

- the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Head of Finance and Resources (Chief Financial Officer) has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the body's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Risks of material misstatement

I report in a separate Annual Audit Report, available from the Audit Scotland website, the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement that I identified and my conclusions thereon.

Responsibilities of the Head of Finance and Resources (Chief Financial Officer) and Performance and Audit Committee for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities, the Head of Finance and Resources (Chief Financial 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 Head of Finance and Resources (Chief Financial 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 Head of Finance and Resources (Chief Financial Officer) is responsible for assessing the body'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 deemed inappropriate.

The Performance and Audit 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 economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting 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. I therefore design and perform audit procedures which respond to the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud.

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.

Other information in the annual accounts

The Head of Finance and Resources (Chief Finance Officer) is responsible for the other information in the annual accounts. The other information comprises the information other than the financial statements, the audited part of the Remuneration Report, and my auditor's report thereon. 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 matters prescribed by the Accounts Commission to the extent explicitly stated later in this report.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read all the other information in the annual accounts and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is

materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Report on other requirements

Opinions on matters prescribed by the Accounts Commission

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

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.

John Cornett, FCPFA
Audit Director
Audit Scotland
4th Floor, 8 Nelson Mandela Place
Glasgow, G2 1BT

The Financial Statements

The (Surplus) or Deficit on the Income and Expenditure Statement shows the income received from and expenditure directed back to East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde for the delivery of services.

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

For the year ended 31st March 2020

Gross Expenditure Re-stated £000	2018/19		Objective Analysis	Note	2019/20		
	Gross Income Re-stated £000	Net Expenditure Re-stated £000			Gross Expenditure £000	Gross Income £000	Net Expenditure £000
10,252	443	9,809	Children and Families		11,729	697	11,032
26,295	1,742	24,553	Older People's Services		25,065	2,246	22,819
5,312	264	5,048	Physical/Sensory Disability		5,765	58	5,707
17,939	1,631	16,308	Learning Disability – Community		18,966	709	18,257
9,422	1,460	7,962	Learning Disability – Inpatients		9,673	1,314	8,359
0	0	0	Augmentative & Alternative Communication		393	173	220
11,634	1,768	9,866	Intensive Services		13,065	1,848	11,217
4,904	176	4,728	Mental Health		5,289	178	5,111
2,099	65	2,034	Addictions / Substance Misuse		2,224	205	2,019
23,722	1,513	22,209	Family Health Services		25,276	1,471	23,805
16,194	0	16,194	Prescribing		16,090	0	16,090
563	563	0	Criminal Justice		609	609	0
225	0	225	Planning and Health Improvement		132	0	132
9,019	552	8,467	Management and Admin		10,055	1,366	8,689
215	0	215	Corporate Services	6	223	0	223
137,795	10,177	127,618	Cost of Services Managed by ER IJB		144,554	10,874	133,680
29,837	-	29,837	Set Aside for delegated services provided in large hospitals		31,223	-	31,223
290	-	290	Aids and Adaptations		276	-	276
167,922	10,177	157,745	Total Cost of Services to ER IJB		176,053	10,874	165,179
-	98,135	98,135	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	3	-	103,447	103,447
-	48,557	48,557	East Renfrewshire Council	3	-	49,565	49,565
-	6,449	6,449	Resource Transfer	3	-	6,424	6,424
-	5,132	5,132	Social Care Fund	3	-	5,132	5,132
0	158,273	158,273	Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income		0	164,568	164,568
167,922	168,450	(528)	(Surplus) or Deficit on Provision of Services		176,053	175,442	611
167,922	168,450	(528)	Total Comprehensive (Income) and Expenditure		176,053	175,442	611

The Augmentative and Alternative Communication service was transferred to East Renfrewshire in 2019/20 so there is no prior year figures shown.

Older Peoples Services and Intensive Services are shown on two separate lines to better reflect service delivery.

MOVEMENT IN RESERVES STATEMENT

This statement shows the movement in the financial year on the reserve held by the IJB, analysed into 'usable reserves' (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure) and 'non usable reserves'. The (Surplus) or Deficit on the Provision of Services reflects the true cost of providing services, more details of which are shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

2018/19 £000	General Reserves	2019/20 £000
(4,809) (528)	Balance as at 31 st March 2019 brought forward Total Comprehensive Income & Expenditure	(5,337) 611
(528)	(Surplus) or Deficit on the Provision of Services	611
(5,337)	BALANCE AS AT 31st MARCH 2020 CARRIED FORWARD	(4,726)

BALANCE SHEET**As at 31st March 2020**

The Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2020 is a snapshot of the value at that reporting date of the assets and liabilities recognised by the IJB. The net assets of the IJB (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held by the IJB.

31st March 2019 £000		Notes	31st March 2020 £000
5,469	Current Assets		5,249
5,469	Short Term Debtors	7	5,249
132	Current Liabilities		523
132	Short Term Creditors	7	523
5,337	Net Assets		4,726
(5,337)	Reserves	8	(4,726)
(5,337)	Total Reserves		(4,726)

The Statement of Accounts present a true and fair view of the financial position of the IJB as at 31st March 2020 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

The audited annual report and accounts were submitted for approval and issue by the IJB on 23rd September 2020

Lesley Bairden ACMA CGMA
Chief Financial Officer
Integration Joint Board 23rd September 2020

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 General Principles

The Statement of Accounts summarises the IJB's transactions for the 2019/20 reporting period and its position as at 31st March 2020.

The East Renfrewshire IJB is formed under the terms of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and is a joint venture between East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

IJBs are specified as Section 106 bodies under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and as such are required to prepare their financial statements in compliance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20 supported by International Finance Reporting Standards (IFRS).

1.2 Accruals of Income and Expenditure

Activity is accounted for in the year it takes place not simply when cash payments are made or received. In particular:

All known specific and material sums payable to the IJB have been brought into account.

Where revenue and expenditure have been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the Balance Sheet.

1.3 Going Concern

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

1.4 Accounting Convention

The accounting convention adopted in the Statement of Accounts is a historic cost basis.

1.5 Funding

East Renfrewshire IJB receives contributions from its funding partners, namely East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to fund its services. Expenditure is incurred in the form of charges for services provided to the IJB by its partners.

1.6 Reserves

Reserves are created by appropriate amounts from the Statement of Income and Expenditure in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Reserves have been created in order to finance expenditure in relation to specific projects. When expenditure to be financed from a reserve is incurred it will be charged to the appropriate service

in that year and will be funded by an appropriation back to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

A general reserve has also been established as part of the financial strategy of the East Renfrewshire IJB in order to better manage the risk of any future unanticipated events that may materially impact on the financial position of the IJB.

1.7 Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Events after the Balance Sheet date are those events, both favourable and unfavourable, that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the Annual Accounts are authorised.

Where events take place before the date of authorisation and provide information about conditions existing as at 31st March 2020 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.

1.8 Related Party Transactions

As partners of East Renfrewshire IJB both East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde are related parties and material transactions with those bodies are disclosed in Note 5 (Page 55) in accordance with the requirements of International Accounting Standard 24.

1.9 Provisions, Contingent Assets and Liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the IJB a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefits or service potential and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to the appropriate service line in the Statement of Income and Expenditure in the year that the IJB becomes aware of the obligation and measured at the best estimate at the Balance Sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made they are charged to the provision held in the Balance Sheet. Estimated settlements are reviewed at the end of each financial year. Where it becomes less probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required (or a lower settlement than anticipated is made) the provision is reversed and credited back to the relevant service.

A contingent asset or liability arises where an event has taken place that gives the IJB a possible obligation or benefit whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the IJB. Contingent assets or liabilities also arise in circumstances where a provision would otherwise be made but, either it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured reliably.

Contingent assets and liabilities are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but are disclosed in a Note to the Accounts where they are deemed material.

1.10 Indemnity Insurance

The IJB has indemnity insurance for costs relating primarily to potential claim liabilities regarding Board member and officer responsibilities. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and East Renfrewshire Council have responsibility for claims in respect of the services they are statutorily responsible for and that they provide.

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

In the event that known claims were identified they would be assessed as to the value and probability of settlement. Where material the overall expected value of any such known claims, taking probability of settlement into consideration, would be provided for in the IJB's Balance Sheet. No such claims were identified as at 31st March 2020

Similarly, the likelihood of receipt of an insurance settlement to cover any claims would be separately assessed, and where material, they would be presented as either a debtor or disclosed as a contingent asset. No such receipts were identified as at 31st March 2020.

The cost of participation in the CNORIS scheme was funded on our behalf by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

1.11 Corresponding Amounts

These Financial Statements cover the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020, with corresponding full year amounts for 2018/19.

1.12 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.

1.13 Post - Employment Benefits – Pension Costs

The accounting requirements for pension costs in respect of Post - Employment Benefits under IAS9 and FRS17 are reflected in the accounts of East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde as the respective employers of current and former staff members. The IJB does not directly employ any members of staff in its own right and accordingly has accrued no liability in regards to post employment pension benefits.

1.14 Prior Period Restatement

When items of income and expenditure are material, their nature and amount is disclosed separately, either on the face of the CIES or in the notes to the Accounts, depending on how significant the items are to the understanding of the IJB's financial performance.

Prior period adjustments may arise as a result of a change in accounting policy, a change in accounting treatment or to correct a material error. Changes are made by adjusting the opening balances and comparative amounts for the prior period which then allows for a consistent year on year comparison.

2. Expenditure and Income Analysis by Nature

2018/19 Re-stated £000		2019/20 £000
(158,273)	Partners funding contribution and non-specific grant income	(164,568)
(10,177)	Fees and charges and other service income	(10,874)
(168,450)	2019/20 TOTAL FUNDING	(175,442)
36,602	Employee Costs	39,793
818	Premises Costs	1,054
375	Transport Costs	315
7,201	Supplies & Services	8,193
50,995	Third Party Payments	51,572
2,126	Support Costs	2,314
16,024	Prescribing	16,090
23,729	Family Health Service	25,276
29,837	Acute Hospital Services	31,223
190	Corporate Costs	196
25	External Audit Fee	27
167,922	2019/20 COST OF SERVICES	176,053

There are no statutory or presentational adjustments which affect the IJB's application of funding received from partner organisations. The movement in the IJB balance sheet is therefore solely due to the transactions shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Consequently an Expenditure and Funding Analysis is not provided in these accounts.

3. Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income

2018/19 Re-stated £000		2019/20 £000
48,557 98,135 6,449 5,132	East Renfrewshire Council NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Resource Transfer Social Care Fund	49,565 103,447 6,424 5,132
158,273	PARTNERS FUNDING CONTRIBUTION & NON SPECIFIC GRANT INCOME	164,568

The funding contribution from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde includes £31.223 million in respect of East Renfrewshire's use of set aside for delegated services provided in large hospitals. These are provided by the NHS, which retains responsibility for managing the costs of providing the service. The IJB however, has responsibility for the consumption of and level of demand placed on these services.

4. Hosted Services - Learning Disability – Inpatients & Augmentative and Alternative Communication

As detailed at Note 11 the IJB has considered the basis of the preparation of the 2019/20 accounts in respect of Learning Disability In-Patient Services and Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) services hosted by the East Renfrewshire IJB for other IJBs within the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Area. Accordingly, the IJB is considered to be acting as a 'principal' and the 2019/20 financial statements have been prepared on this basis with the full costs of such services being reflected in the 2019/20 financial statements. The cost of the hosted service provided to other IJBs and consumed by East Renfrewshire in regards Learning Disability Inpatients and Augmentative and Alternative Communication is detailed below.

2018/19 £000	LEARNING DISABILITY IN PATIENTS SERVICES HOSTED BY EAST RENFREWSHIRE IJB	2019/20 £000
6,234	Glasgow	5,659
918	Renfrewshire	1,347
142	Inverclyde	199
570	West Dunbartonshire	846
-	East Dunbartonshire	196
7,864	Learning Disability In-Patients Services Provided to other IJBs	8,247
98	East Renfrewshire	112
7,962	TOTAL LEARNING DISABILITY – INPATIENTS SERVICES	8,359

2018/19 £000	AUGEMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION HOSTED BY EAST RENFREWSHIRE IJB	2019/20 £000
-	Glasgow	72
-	Renfrewshire	7
-	Inverclyde	-
-	West Dunbartonshire	4
-	East Dunbartonshire	25
-	AAC Services Provided to other IJBs	108
-	East Renfrewshire	11
-	TOTAL AAC SERVICES *	119

*These figures above relate only to the hosted element of this service and therefore do not translate to the CIES where the total cost is shown. This service transferred to East Renfrewshire in 2019/20 so there is not a prior year cost.

Likewise, other IJBs act as the principal for a number of other hosted services on behalf of the East Renfrewshire IJB, as detailed below; such costs are reflected in the financial statements of the host IJB.

2018/19 £000	SERVICES PROVIDED TO EAST RENFREWSHIRE IJB BY OTHER IJBs WITHIN NHS GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE	2019/20 £000
434	Physiotherapy	460
53	Retinal Screening	48
452	Podiatry	464
295	Primary Care Support	303
293	Continence	297
613	Sexual Health	618
876	Mental Health	906
858	Oral Health	868
335	Addictions	348
184	Prison Health Care	194
163	Health Care in Police Custody	162
3,811	Psychiatry	4,211
8,367	NET EXPENDITURE ON SERVICES PROVIDED	8,879

5. Related Party Transactions

The following financial transactions were made with East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde relating to integrated health and social care functions during 2019/20. The nature of the partnership means that the IJB may influence, and be influenced by its partners.

2018/19 Re-stated £000	Income – payments for integrated functions	2019/20 £000
102,698	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	108,461
65,752	East Renfrewshire Council	66,981
168,450	TOTAL	175,442

2018/19 Re-stated £000	Expenditure – payments for delivery of integrated functions	2019/20 £000
102,698	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	108,461
65,224	East Renfrewshire Council	67,592
167,922	TOTAL	176,053

6. Corporate Expenditure

2018/19 £000	Corporate Expenditure	2019/20 £000
190 25	Staff Costs Audit Fee	196 27
215	TOTAL	223

The cost associated with running the IJB has been met in full by East Renfrewshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde reflecting the continuation of the arrangement for the previous Community Health and Care Partnership.

The costs charged to the IJB in respect of non-voting members include the Chief Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Details of the remuneration for post holders are provided in the Remuneration Report.

The costs of other key management staff who advise the IJB, such as the Chief Social Work Officer and the Chief Nurse are reflected within operational budgets. Those costs above reflect only the IJB statutory posts.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde did not charge for any support services provided in the year ended 31st March 2020.

The support services for East Renfrewshire Council are included within the funding provided to the IJB as set out in the Scheme of Integration and as such have been charged for in 2019/20.

Fees payable to Audit Scotland in respect of external audit services undertaken in accordance with Audit Scotland's Code of Audit Practice 2019/20 amounted to £26,560. Audit Scotland did not provide any non-audit services during 2019/20.

VAT is not included in the costs identified.

7. Short Term Debtors and Creditors

2018/19 £000	Short Term Debtors	2019/20 £000
761 4,708	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde East Renfrewshire Council	550 4,699
5,469	TOTAL	5,249

2018/19 £000	Short Term Creditors	2019/20 £000
71 61	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde East Renfrewshire Council	462 61
132	TOTAL	523

8. Reserves

As at 31st March 2020 the IJB has created earmarked reserves in order to fund expenditure in respect of specific projects. In addition a general reserve has been created as part of the financial strategy of the IJB in order to better manage the risk of any future unanticipated events that may materially impact on the financial position of the IJB.

2018/19 £000	Reserves	Used £000	Added £000	Transfers In / (out) £000	2019/20 £000
111	Mental Health Action 15	111	-		-
68	Alcohol & Drugs Partnership	-	15		83
420	Primary Care Improvement	352	102		170
-	GP Premises Fund	-	78		78
599	TOTAL RING-FENCED RESERVES	463	195		331
1,139	Budget Savings Phasing	519	310	97	1,027
500	In Year Pressures	229	-		271
222	Prescribing	-	-		222
1,861	Total Bridging Finance	748	310	97	1,520
664	Children and Families	69	426		1,021
1,039	Transitional Funding Learning Disability Specialist Services				1,039
39	District Nursing			61	100
55	Active Lives	55			-
109	Projects and Initiatives			(109)	-
49	Learning Disability			(49)	-
-	Augmentative & Alternative Communication		101		101
252	Total Projects	55	101	(97)	201
100	Renewal and Repairs				100
250	Care at Home	250			-
200	Partnership Strategic Framework	50			150
100	Organisational learning & Development	8			92
550	Total Capacity	308			242
4,466	TOTAL EARMARKED RESERVES	1,180	837	0	4,123
272	TOTAL GENERAL RESERVES				272
5,337	TOTAL ALL RESERVES	1,643	1,032	0	4,726

Note: of the £1.643 million reserves used during the year £1.578 million was planned use and £0.065 million meets the operational overspend.

9. Contingent Assets and Liabilities

There are no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31st March 2020.

10. 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 a significant impact on the 2019/20 annual accounts.

11. Critical Judgements & Estimation Uncertainty

In applying the accounting policies set out above, the IJB has had to make a critical judgement relating to complex transactions in respect of Learning Disability Inpatients Services and AAC services hosted within the East Renfrewshire IJB for other IJB's within the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde area. Within NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde each IJB has operational responsibility for services which it hosts on behalf of other IJB's. In delivering these services the IJB has primary responsibility for the provision of services and bears the risk 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 the 2019/20 accounts have been prepared.

12. Post Balance Sheet Events

The 2019/20 Annual Report and Accounts were authorised for issue by the IJB on the 23rd September 2020. There have been no adjusting events (events which provide evidence of conditions that existed at the balance sheet date) and no such adjusting events have been reflected in the financial statements or notes. Likewise there have been no non – adjusting events, which are indicative of conditions after the balance sheet date, and accordingly the financial statements have not been adjusted for any such post balance sheet events.

13. Prior Period Restatement

The figure included in the 2019/20 financial statements in respect of set aside for delegated services provided in large hospitals is provided by the NHS which retains 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.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde are now in a position to report the set aside figures based on actual expenditure of £31.223 million which has resulted in the restatement of 2018/19 figures. These were previously based on a notional budget figure of £16.624 million. The notional budgets for set aside were based on NRAC (resource allocation formula) activity and information from the cost book and were very high level. Actual figures are now based on a much more detailed approach including actual spend and activity for each year.

Where to find more information

In This Document

The requirements governing the format and content of the IJB annual accounts follows guidance issued by the Integrated Resources Advisory Group and by The Local Authority (Scotland) Accounts Advisory Committee (LASAAC).

On Our Website

Further information on the Accounts can be obtained on East Renfrewshire Council's website <http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care-integration> or from East Renfrewshire HSCP, Eastwood Health and Care Centre, Drumby Crescent, Clarkston, G76 7HN.

Acknowledgement

I wish to record my thanks to staff within the HSCP for their co-operation in producing the Annual Report and Accounts in accordance with the prescribed timescale. In particular the support of the Accountancy and Policy & Performance staff within the partnership are gratefully acknowledged.

Caroline Bamforth
Chair
Integration Joint Board

23rd September 2020

Julie Murray
Chief Officer
Integration Joint Board

23rd September 2020

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Chief Financial Officer
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East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership
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Date: 23 September 2020

John Cornett, Audit Director
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Dear John

East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board Annual Accounts 2019/20

1. This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the annual accounts of the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board for the year ended 31 March 2020 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 Performance and Audit Committee, the following representations given to you in connection with your audit of the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020.

General

3. The East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board and I have fulfilled our statutory responsibilities for the preparation of the 2019/20 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 the East 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.

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 2019/20 (2019/20 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 the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board at 31 March 2020 and the transactions for 2019/20.

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 2019/20 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 the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board circumstances and have been consistently applied.
8. The significant assumptions used in making accounting estimates are reasonable and properly reflected in the financial statements. Judgements used in making estimates have been based on the latest available, reliable information. Estimates have been revised where there are changes in the circumstances on which the original estimate was based or as a result of new information or experience.

Going Concern Basis of Accounting

9. I have assessed the East 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 the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's ability to continue as a going concern.

Liabilities

10. All liabilities at 31 March 2020 of which I am aware have been recognised in the annual accounts.
11. There are no plans or intentions that are likely to affect the carrying value or classification of the liabilities recognised in the financial statements.

Fraud

12. 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

13. 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

14. All material transactions with related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with the 2019/20 accounting code. I have made available to you the identity of all the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which I am aware.

Remuneration Report

15. 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

16. 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

17. I confirm that the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board has undertaken a review of the system of internal control during 2019/20 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.
18. 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 2020, which require to be reflected.

Balance Sheet

19. All events subsequent to 31 March 2020 for which the 2019/20 accounting code requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.

This letter was presented to, and agreed at, the meeting of the East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board: Audit Committee on 23 September 2020.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Bairden
Head of Finance and Resources (Chief Finance Officer)
East Renfrewshire Integration Joint Board

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