

**Glasgow City Integration Joint Board
Public Engagement Committee**

IJB-PEC (M) 20-08-2025

Minutes of a virtual meeting held at 11.00am on Wednesday 20th August 2025

Present:

Voting Members

Martin Cawley	NHSGG&C Board Member
Dr Emilia Crichton	NHSGG&C Board Member
Bailie Norman MacLeod	Councillor, Glasgow City Council (Chair)
Cllr Elaine McDougall	Councillor, Glasgow City Council
Charles Vincent	NHSGG&C Board Member (Vice Chair)

Non-Voting Members

Gary Dover	Assistant Chief Officer
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In Attendance

Steven Blair	Business Development Manager
Adeline Clark	Women's Reference Group Member, Glasgow City ADP
Craig Cowan	Head of Business Development / IJB Standards Officer
Gillian Currie	Independent Sector Advisor
Gillian Ferguson	Co-Ordinator, Glasgow City ADP
Alan Gilmour	Planning Manager, Older People and South Locality
Gareth Greenaway	Planning Manager, Adults and North West Locality
Julie Kirkland	Senior Officer, Governance Support
Katrina Macfarlane	Community Engagement and Development Officer
Claire Maclachlan	Governance Support Officer (minutes)
Dr Saket Priyadarshi	Associate Medical Director, Alcohol & Drug Recovery Services
Jill Scoular	Principal Officer, Business Development

Apologies:

Sheena Arthur	Third Sector Advisor
Cllr Lana Reid-McConnell	Councillor, Glasgow City Council

Actions

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

Item No. 6 – Community Network Approach – Parkhead Hub:

The Chair congratulated those involved in the creation of the Hub and on the success of the network event held on 22nd May. Members questioned if there has

<p>been progress on the official opening day for the Hub. Officers advised that they are waiting on confirmation from the Scottish Government on the availability of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport for the opening day.</p>	<p>Actions</p>
<p>Members also requested a list of all services provided within the Parkhead Hub and asked if this information can be included in the Evaluation Update report that will be presented to a future meeting. Officers agreed to circulate the list of services to Members out with the meeting and ensure this is included in the Evaluation report.</p>	<p>Officers</p>
<p>5. Rolling Action List</p> <p>Craig Cowan presented the Rolling Action List advising that there are two open actions.</p> <p>Action Ref No. 28 –the Chair requested a report to a future meeting that provides an overview of the various strands of activity being undertaken by external providers to support citizens to ensure they are receiving the benefits they are entitled to. Officers confirmed a report will be presented to the Committee in November.</p> <p>Action Ref No. 29 – Consultation and Engagement Log – Older People: Independent evaluation of the Alexa trial. Officers to circulate the evaluation report when it has been published on the UK Telecoms Innovation Network website. Officers advised that the evaluation report is not yet published.</p>	
<p>6. Alcohol and Drug Partnership Lived Experience Reference Groups</p> <p>Gillian Ferguson and Adeleine Clark were in attendance to provide a presentation highlighting the significant contribution made by people with lived and living experience (LLE) of alcohol/drug problems to the Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP).</p> <p>The Chair asked who the key partners are within the ADP and how many members of staff are directly employed by the ADP. The Chair also suggested a report to a future meeting which includes an estimate of how many staff members and organisations that provide services on behalf of the ADP, how the ADP deliver their services and estimate investment costs.</p> <p>Officers advised that the key partners are Glasgow City Council and the Health Board, noting that there are numerous partners that contribute to the ADP, including Police Scotland and Third and Independent Sector organisations. There are currently 5 members of staff directly employed by the ADP. Officers agreed to consider a report for a future meeting on how the ADP is delivered, including all organisations that contribute and help deliver services.</p> <p>The Committee thanked Adeline and Gillian for their informative and interesting presentation, and Saket for his input to the discussion.</p> <p>The Public Engagement Committee:</p> <p>a) Noted the contents of the presentation.</p>	

7. The Thistle (Safer Drug Consumption Facility) – Update on Engagement

Dr Saket Priyadarshi and Gillian Ferguson presented a report updating on the engagement activity that continues following the opening of the Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF) in Glasgow City in January 2025, known as The Thistle. The report also updates on the support from the press office in addressing and handling media enquiries about The Thistle and mitigating the negative impact of this.

There was a discussion regarding journalists' engagement with service users to allow the public to hear about the success of the facility from the people using it. Officers advised that there is a need to be mindful and protect the anonymity of service users and their families. A Service User Forum has been created, and this will be explored in more detail. Further down the line some service users may have a more informed position, but it is not possible to put a timeline on this.

Members requested an update on the progress of the Drug Checking Service at The Thistle. Officers advised that they hope to progress this as soon as the Home Office approves a license. Other avenues of information are available currently to obtain intelligence around toxicology results on street drugs, but they do not give immediate results.

The Committee thanked Saket, Gillian and Adeline for the update and input, and asked Saket to pass thanks on to the team delivering the service at The Thistle.

The Public Engagement Committee

- a) **Noted the contents of this report; and**
- b) **Agreed that The Thistle lead officers provide updates on engagement activity to the PEC as necessary and no less frequently than once per year.**

8. Consultation and Engagement Log

Steven Blair provided the following updates from the Consultation and Engagement Log.

Officers advised that the two consultations noted below are complete.

Carer Services: Review of carer health review element of Carer Services. Public consultation survey and engagement with Glasgow Carers Group. Officers advised that the consultation completed and received 73 partial responses and 21 completed responses. The Carers Strategy (2025-28) was published in June 2025. It was agreed that the consultation can be removed from the log.

Primary Care: Practice Surgery Branch consultation for Cardonald Medical Centre with patients and stakeholders. Officers advised that the consultation commenced on 20th March 2025 and concluded on 12th June 2025. 412 patients participated along with wider stakeholders. The decision is currently progressing through governance routes, and the consultation report will be available when this has concluded.

The IJB Public Engagement Committee:

a) Noted the Consultation and Engagement Log.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10.00am on Wednesday 12th November 2025.