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Glasgow City Integration Joint Board

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Update from Chair of Finance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee (4th February 2026)

Summary:

- **IJB Annual Audit Plan 2025-26** – The Annual Audit Plan for 2025-26 was considered, highlighting key risks around fraud, management override, financial sustainability, and cyber-security, with materiality clarified and assurance provided that actions are being monitored.

- **Budget Monitoring – Month 9 / Period 10 2025-26** – The Budget Monitoring Report was reviewed, noting a reduced projected overspend of £3.6m due largely to decreased prescribing costs, continued overspend pressures in Adult and Mental Health Services, and progress toward delivering 89% of savings.

- **HSCP Performance Report Q2/3 –** The Performance report for Adult Mental Health and Alcohol & Drug Recovery Services was considered, showing a balance of red and green indicators and highlighting areas requiring continued scrutiny.

- **Performance Presentation – Adult Services** – A detailed performance presentation on Adult Services was received, covering mental health delayed discharge challenges and bed modelling. The impact of the Thistle facility was outlined in providing harm reduction services.

- **Fostering, Adult Fostering & Adoption – Care Inspectorate Activity** – Care Inspectorate findings were reported, noting multiple requirements for fostering services with tight deadlines, an action plan in progress, and ongoing challenges around foster carer recruitment and payment structures.

- **Children's Residential Services – Care Inspectorate Activity** – Children's Residential Services demonstrated strong inspection outcomes, with most homes graded 'very good', improvement actions completed, and a nurture-based framework under development.

- **Older People's Residential Services – Care Inspectorate Activity** – Three Older People's care homes received very positive inspection results with no required action plans, reflecting strong and consistent service performance.

  The Chair undertook to write letters to thank and congratulate the various teams for their excellent inspection results.

- **Community Alarm & Telecare – Technology Enabled Care Services Association (TSA) Audit** – The TSA audit identified one KPI issue on call response times, which has since been resolved through an improvement action plan, leading to full compliance and confirmation of service resilience.

- **Mental Welfare Commission Local Visits 2025** – Findings from Mental Welfare Commission visits noted 76 recommendations, with action plans in place and assurance provided on delivery across inpatient Mental Health services.

- **Social Care Purchased Services – Review Activity 2025** – The Committee reviewed commissioning activity, noting 62 reviews completed against 29 planned, with delays in complex Older People's cases and assurance given on decision-making processes.

- **Clinical & Professional Quarterly Assurance Statement** – The Chief Social Work Officer presented the quarterly assurance statement, highlighting positive inspection results and providing reassurance on clinical and professional governance.

- **Risk Management Quarterly Update – Q3** – The quarterly risk update was considered, noting stable risk scores except for a reduction in prescribing risk, and confirming outstanding work on the risk taxonomy for future approval.