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Item No: 18

Meeting Date: Wednesday 24th September 2025

**Glasgow City
Integration Joint Board**

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Horizon Scanning

Purpose of Report:

To provide a high level summary of potential future external developments that may impact on the Integration Joint Board's strategic objectives, budget or key operational activity.

Background/Engagement:

It is important that the Board is kept abreast of potential external developments to ensure decision making is taken within the context of potential future changes to the Board's wider environment. It is also intended that this report can be used to identify compounding impacts, for example across different pieces of proposed legislation.

Governance Route:

The matters contained within this paper have been previously considered by the following group(s) as part of its development.

- HSCP Senior Management Team ☒
- Council Corporate Management Team ☐
- Health Board Corporate Management Team ☐
- Council Committee ☐
- Update requested by IJB ☐
- Other ☐
- Not Applicable ☐

Recommendations:

The Integration Joint Board is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report.

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Relevance to Integration Joint Board Strategic Plan:

External factors, such as proposed legislation, may have impacts on the Board's delivery of the Strategic Plan.

Implications for Health and Social Care Partnership:

Reference to National Health & Wellbeing Outcome(s):	No impacts identified at this time.
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Personnel:	No impacts identified at this time.
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Carers:	No impacts identified at this time.
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Provider Organisations:	No impacts identified at this time.
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Equalities:	No impacts identified at this time.
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Fairer Scotland Compliance:	No impacts identified at this time.
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Financial:	No impacts identified at this time.
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Legal:	No impacts identified at this time.
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Economic Impact:	No impacts identified at this time.
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Sustainability:	No impacts identified at this time.
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Sustainable Procurement and Article 19:	No impacts identified at this time.
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Risk Implications:	Any significant risks identified from Horizon Scanning will be considered for specific inclusion in relevant risk registers under the Risk Management Framework.
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Implications for Glasgow City Council:	No impacts identified at this time.
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Implications for NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde:	No impacts identified at this time.
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Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both

Direction to:

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| 1. No Direction Required | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Glasgow City Council | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Glasgow City Council and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of known potential significant areas of external developments that may impact on the Integration Joint Board, its budget, or operational areas across the Health and Social Care Partnership activity.

2. Horizon Scanning – current summary

- 2.1. Management have been requested to identify legislative and other potential developments, and for these to be logged for regular Board reporting. These are captured in Appendix 1.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Integration Joint Board is asked to:
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CARE REFORM (SCOTLAND) BILL – passed by Scottish Parliament June 2025

Provision	Summary	Links
Integrated Digital Care Record	<p>Ministers must facilitate a digital integrated care record for every individual that receives health care or a social service.</p> <p>This will be achieved through powers of Scottish Ministers to gain such information and create sanctions (civil or criminal) for those who fail to comply.</p>	Health and Social Care Data Board
Right to breaks for unpaid carers	<p>Providing a legal right to breaks for unpaid carers.</p> <p>Provision places a duty on local authorities to provide the support that a carer needs to enable the carer to take sufficient breaks from providing care for the cared-for person.</p> <p>Local authorities must publish information on available respite services for short break provision.</p>	Scottish Government Short Breaks Fund National Carers Strategy
Visits to or by care home residents	<p>Upholding the rights of people living in adult care homes to maintain contact with family and friends (“Anne’s Law”) and placing a duty on care home providers to identify an “Essential Care Supporter” for each resident.</p> <p>Amendments to the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 provides for Ministers to exercise their power to impose two new duties on the providers of care home services for adults:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a duty to use their best endeavours to identify for every care home resident at least one person as an essential care supporter for the resident • a duty to facilitate visits to and by care home residents. 	

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Provision	Summary	Links
Reserving right to participate in procurement by type of organization	Reserving certain contracts for specific organisations to support community-based and values-driven care providers and requiring Scottish Minister to publish statutory guidance on ethical commissioning.	
Continuity of services	Protecting the continuity of services for persons who have a disability if they move home so as not to experience a gap in support and to prevent disruption.	
Duty to prepare adult carer support plan	Scottish Ministers a power to make regulations setting the timescale within which a local authority must prepare an adult carer support plan.	
Duty to prepare young carer statement	Scottish Ministers a power to make regulations setting the timescale within which a local authority must prepare a young carer statement.	

Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill – introduced to the Scottish Parliament June 2025 (Stage 1, to be completed 16 January 2026)

Provision	Summary	Links
Aftercare Rights	Expands eligibility for people who left care before 16, providing right to apply for aftercare.	Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill Scottish Parliament Website
Advocacy	Establishes right to advocacy services for care-experienced children, young people and also adults.	

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Provision	Summary	Links
Care & Care Experience	Introduces guidance on what “care and care experience” means and to reduce stigma.	
Residential care profits	Limits the profits that can be made from children’s residential care.	
Fostering services	Requires independent fostering agencies to register as charities. Also establishes national register for foster carers.	
Planning & service provision	Integration Joint Boards are responsible for children’s services planning, alongside local authorities and health boards.	

Housing (Scotland Bill) – introduced to the Scottish Parliament 26 March 2024 (Stage 3)

Provision	Summary	Links
Part 5 – Homelessness Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making relevant bodies, such as health boards or the police, ask if an individual is homeless or at risk of homelessness, and making them take action if they are – “Ask and Act”.• Making local authorities act sooner to prevent homelessness by taking reasonable steps.• Making social landlords put in place support for tenants if they are overdue on rent due to domestic abuse.• Making social landlords have a policy which sets out how they will support tenants who are at risk of homelessness due to domestic abuse.	Housing (Scotland) Bill Scottish Parliament Website

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OPEN CONSULTATIONS

Area	Consultation Title	Summary	Closing Date	Link to Consultation	Other Supporting Links
Primary Care - Prescribing	Quality Prescribing for Chronic Pain 2026-2029	Consultation on the draft updated chronic pain prescribing guidance.	31 Oct 2025	Quality Prescribing for Chronic Pain 2026-2029	Draft updated chronic pain prescribing guidance
Justice	Voices in Justice: Parole Reform in Scotland	Consultation on a broad range of areas centred on parole improvements and parole reform.	11 Nov 2025	Voices in Justice Parole Reform in Scotland	Voices-justice-consultation-parole-reform-scotland/
Children's Residential / Finance	Financial transparency and profit limitation in children's residential care	Consultation relates to provisions made in the Children and Young People (Care and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill , which was introduced to Parliament on 17 June 2025.	6 Oct 2025	Financial transparency and profit limitation in children's residential care	Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) Bill
Primary Care - Prescribing	Polypharmacy Guidance: appropriate prescribing, making medicines safe, effective and sustainable 2025 - 2028	Consultation on this draft updated polypharmacy prescribing guidance. 'Appropriate Prescribing - Making medicines safe, effective and sustainable 2025-2028' aims to further improve the care of individuals taking multiple medicines.	22 Sep 2025	Polypharmacy prescribing guidance - draft: consultation	Polypharmacy prescribing guidance - draft

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CLOSED CONSULTATIONS

Consultation Title	Summary	Closed Date	Link	Other Supporting Links / Outputs
Health: Long Term Conditions Framework	Consultation to gather the views of a wide range of individuals and organisations on what matters when it comes to prevention, care, support and equalities in long term conditions.	20 Jul 2025	Health: Long Term Conditions Framework Consultation	Long term conditions - framework: consultation paper
Mitigation of the two-child cap	Consultation seeking views on the Scottish Government's proposals to mitigate the two-child limit in Universal Credit in Scotland.	18 Apr 2025	Mitigation of the two-child cap	Universal Credit - mitigation of the two-child limit: consultation analysis
Future of foster care consultation	Consultation on a new flexible fostering approach	6 Feb 2025	Future of foster care consultation	Future of foster care consultation published responses
Palliative Care Matters for All: strategy consultation	Consultation on a draft five year strategy (2025-2030) .	10 Jan 2025	Palliative Care Matters for All: strategy consultation	Palliative care strategy: Palliative Care Matters for All
Regulation and licensing of non-surgical cosmetic procedures	Consultation relating to a licensing and regulation scheme for non-surgical cosmetic procedures, including the role of local authorities and Healthcare Improvement Scotland in inspection and enforcement.	14 Feb 2025	Regulation of non-surgical cosmetic procedures consultation	Regulation and licensing of non-surgical cosmetic procedures: consultation analysis and response

Other Scottish Government Links:

[Scottish Government Health and Social Care Renewal Framework](#)
[Health & Care Reform Stakeholder Advisory Group](#)
[Programme for Government 2025-26](#)

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