

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Integration Joint Board																						
Held on:	13th May 2026																						
Agenda Item:	4																						
Title:	Chief Officer's Update																						
<p>Summary:</p> <p>This report provides an update to the South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board on behalf of the Chief Officer on items that do not merit a full report, but the Board may wish to note. Topics covered in this report include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engagement with teams and services 2. National Social Work Agency 3. South Ayrshire HSCP - Wellbeing Pledge Showcase 2026 4. Long Service Recognition 5. MSK Appointment Day – Girvan 6. Upcoming Events 																							
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CHIEF OFFICER'S UPDATE REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update to the South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board on behalf of the Chief Officer on items that do not merit a full report, but the Board may wish to note.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:

- i. **Considers the content of this report and offers any reflections.**

3. REPORT

3.1 Engagement with Teams and Services – Alongside Stewart Marshall, I have been out and about meeting front line services during March. This is one of the more enjoyable parts of the role as this gives me a direct connection to those within our communities who use our services. I cannot emphasise enough the commitment and energy that staff put in to deliver high quality support where it is most needed.

3.1.2 In my revamped edition of the “Directors BRAG”, I was able to reflect personally, having found myself a recipient of hospital-based services, how compassionate, kind and professional staff across all the service areas are. It is comforting to know that when most needed, we have dedicated, committed staff available.

3.1.3 This was further expanded when I had the privilege to meet the teams within the Mental Health and Addictions services. Being able to spend time and having time spent on me as they shared presentations and answered my questions left me feeling energised and engaged. In the backdrop of the financial challenges we are facing, seeing the difference that our staff make is grounding and I left with pride as their Director.

3.1.4 We have also opened our Prestwick Connect Hub in connection with VASA. This is the third of six planned hubs and is a great space to find out about services, supports and outlines our principle of helping people to Start Well, Live Well and Age Well.

3.2 National Social Work Agency launch – on the 17th March, Scotland celebrated the launch of the National Social Work Agency (NSWA) – a major step forward for the profession. This was aligned with World Social Work Day. Led by Janna MacDonald, Chief Executive and National Chief Social Work Advisor, and Angela Latta, Deputy Chief Executive, the SWA will provide expert professional advice, build workforce capacity and support national consistency in practice and policy.

3.2.1 Nationwide, but importantly locally the benefits of this will bring Stronger national leadership for the social work profession, greater consistency and clarity in practice, stronger implementation of national policy and a more supported and future ready workforce.

3.3 Wellbeing Pledge Showcase 2026 – this year’s event will be held in Ayr North Parish Church, Main Street, Ayr on Friday 22nd May. Further details of this event will be progressed in the next 6 weeks, but already this is shaping up to be a successful celebration and follow on from previous events.

3.3.1 A focus on innovative projects, inspiring teams and collective commitment driving positive change are the themes. I would ask that you reserve the date in your diary and come and celebrate what South Ayrshire offers.

3.4 Long service recognition – South Ayrshire Allied Health professionals have collectively accumulated an incredible 230 years of NHS service. This commitment is noted in the context of the remarkable knowledge, experience, skills and durability across the team, benefitting some of our citizens. I offer my personal congratulations to the team and look forward to this amazing tally increasing.

3.5 MSK Appointment Day – hosted within Girvan Community Hospital a recent MSK day was attended by other services providing information and advice to our communities focussed on improving their health and wellbeing.

3.6 A few dates for the diary; Wednesday 6th May ‘The Big Cheerio, Girvan’ has been rescheduled. This will be held between 10am and 1pm in the Wave hub, Girvan and aims to provide useful, practical information and connections to services. Lunch will also be provided free of charge. (Booking is requested, free and can be made by calling 08010 432 0510).

The 6th Annual Gathering for Social Worker in Children’s Services 2026 is being held at the University of Dundee on 10th and 11th June. Dalhousie Building, city Campus.

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