

SUMMARY REPORT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Name of Committee	Highland Health and Social Care
Date of Meeting	5 March 2025
Committee Chair	Gerry O’Brien

KEY POINTS FROM DISCUSSION AND ESCALATION

ALERT

None

ASSURE

Assurances taken on:

- Financial position for HHSCP at month 9 (2024-25). (Limited)
- Self-Directed Support progress and compliance. (Moderate)
- Carers Strategy progress and completion. (Moderate)
- Director of Public Health Annual Report. (Substantial)
- IPQR for HHSCP. (Limited)
- Care Governance Closing Report. (Substantial)

ADVISE

- Third Sector Board to consider a strategic approach to probable shortfalls in provider funding for Employers National Insurance Changes.

RISKS

Further financial insecurity arising from delays in National Care home contract and impact of rising costs.

ACTIONS

- **Membership:** 1 Non-executive member is departing. A new Lead Doctor (GP) will be nominated by the GP Subcommittee. Recruitment to be undertaken of lay representation (Chair to discuss with Board Chair).
- Future report to be prepared in relation to the Commissioning Strategy and providing stability for the provider market. Future report to be considered on definite proposals for the expansion of SDS Option 2 and how that will be managed.
- Revised Carers Strategy to be updated with a clear action plan and timelines.
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LEARNING

How we will be positive in our engagement with commissioned services to ensure clarity of funding position, future timelines and service delivery requirements.