



Aberdeenshire  
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Partnership

# Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board Publication Scheme 2023 - 2028

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## **Introduction**

Individuals can ask the Integration Joint Board (IJB) to provide any information that we hold and, if it is both legal to do so and practical to do so, we will. In addition, the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act) requires all Scottish public authorities to produce and maintain a Guide to Information, also known as a publication scheme.

## **Guide to Information**

The purpose of this guide to information is to:

- allow the public to see what information is available and what is not available in relation to each class;
- state what charges may be applied (for most information, there is no charge);
- explain how to find the information easily;
- provide contact details for enquiries and to get help with access to the information; and
- explain how to request information that has not been published.

The Guidance is split into the following six sections:

- availability and formats;
- exempt information;
- copyright and re-use;
- charges;
- contact details; and
- the classes of information that we publish.

## **Availability and formats**

Much of the information will be available on our webpage. We offer alternative arrangements for people who do not wish to, or who cannot, access the information either online or by inspection at our premises. For example, we can usually arrange to send out information in paper copy (although there may be a charge for this).

## **Exempt information**

We will publish the information we hold that falls within the classes of information below. If a document contains information that is exempt under Scotland's freedom of information laws (for example sensitive personal data or a trade secret), we will remove or black out the information before publication and explain why.

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- it is copied or reproduced accurately.
- it is not used in a misleading context; and
- the source of the material is identified.

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## Charges

Public Bodies are able to charge limited fees for requests made under the Act. The Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board will not charge for these requests.

## Contact details and how to request information not included in this guide

You can contact us for assistance with any aspect of this information guide and if you want to ask us for information that is not included in the guide:

Aberdeenshire Integration Joint Board

Freedom of Information Enquiries

Woodhill House

Westburn Road

Aberdeen

AB16 5GB

**Email:** [foi@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:foi@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

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We will also advise you how to ask for information that we do not publish or how to complain if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of the publication scheme. If you wish to make a request for information not contained in the publication scheme please contact us using our email address.



## The Classes of Information

We publish information that we hold within the following classes. Once information is published under a class we will continue to make it available for the current and previous two financial years.

Where information has been updated or superseded, only the current version will be available. If you would like to see previous versions, you may make a request to us for that information.

The classes are:

- Class 1: About the IJB
  - Class 2: How we deliver our functions and services
  - Class 3: How the IJB takes decisions and what it has decided
  - Class 4: What the IJB spends and how it spends it
  - Class 5: How the IJB manages its human, physical and information services
  - Class 6: How the IJB procures goods and services from external providers
  - Class 7: How the IJB is performing
  - Class 8: Our commercial publications - we do not hold or publish any information under this class
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## The Classes of Information – The IJB

	<b>Class</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.	About the IJB	
1.1	Who we are	<p>The background as to how and why The IJB was established is on our website:</p> <p><a href="https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health-and-social-care-integration/integrated-joint-board/">https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health-and-social-care-integration/integrated-joint-board/</a></p>
1.2	Where to find us, how to contact us	<p><b>Contact Information</b></p> <p>If you would like more information about health and social care integration or you would like to share your thoughts with us then please email:- <a href="mailto:integration@aberdeenshire.gov.uk">integration@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>or follow us on Twitter <a href="https://twitter.com/HSCPshire">@HSCPshire</a>.</p>
1.3	How we are managed and our external relations	<p><b>Introducing the Integrated Joint Board (IJB)</b></p> <p>The Integrated Joint Board will become legally responsible for the effective delivery of a large range of services within health and social care in April 2016. Aberdeenshire is currently preparing for these changes and has established an IJB. The membership of the IJB is largely prescribed by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. The members outlined below are the twelve voting members that make up the IJB along with the additional non-voting members.</p> <p><b>Integration Joint Board Members</b></p> <p><b>Voting Members</b></p>

		<p><b>NHS Board Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Tomlinson</li> <li>• Amy Anderson</li> <li>• Joyce Duncan</li> <li>• Stephen Lindsay</li> <li>• Susan Webb</li> </ul> <p><b>Aberdeenshire Council Elected Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Anne Stirling (Chair)</li> <li>• Cllr Glen Reynolds</li> <li>• Cllr David Keating</li> <li>• Cllr Moray Grant</li> <li>• Cllr Gordon Lang</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Voting Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pam Milliken</li> <li>• Chris Smith</li> <li>• David Hekelaar</li> <li>• Inez Kirk</li> <li>• Paul Bachoo</li> <li>• Leigh Jolly</li> <li>• Susan Kinsey</li> <li>• Martin McKay</li> <li>• Angie Mutch</li> <li>• Fiona Culbert</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p>How we deliver our functions and services</p>	<p>How the IJB operates is set out in the <a href="#">Integration Scheme</a>. The Integration Scheme was approved by Scottish Ministers in September 2015.</p>
<p><b>2.1</b></p>	<p>Our strategies and policies</p>	<p>View our <a href="#">Strategic Plan</a>.</p>
<p><b>2.2</b></p>	<p>Information for service users:</p>	<p>Information for service users is available through both partners</p> <p><a href="http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk">www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.nhsgrampian.org">www.nhsgrampian.org</a></p>

3.	How we take decisions and what we have decided	<p>How we make decisions will be set out in the Integration Scheme, see 2 above.</p> <p>Our decisions, including the minutes of the Board Meetings and sub-committees, will be published on our <a href="#">web pages</a>.</p>
4.	What we spend and how we spend it	<p>Details of our spending will be placed on the <a href="#">Integration web page</a> when available.</p>
5.	How we manage our human, physical and information resources	<p>Information on how we manage our human, physical and information resources is available through both partners</p> <p><a href="http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk">www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.nhsgrampian.org">www.nhsgrampian.org</a></p>
5.1	Our human resources	<p>The staff who provide the services will either be employed by Aberdeenshire Council or NHS Grampian. The IJB will not employ staff directly. Information about their terms and conditions of staff are available through both partners</p> <p><a href="http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk">www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.nhsgrampian.org">www.nhsgrampian.org</a></p>
5.2	Our information resources	<p>The services commissioned by the IJB will be delivered by the Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian and both organisations have their own Information Governance Policies and procedures. The IJB has developed a Freedom of Information process.</p> <p>Each partner has information governance processes, and these are available through partners.</p> <p><a href="http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk">www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a></p>



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5.3	Our physical resources	<p>The physical resources used by those providing services that the IJB has commissioned will be predominantly owned by Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian who will each follow their own procedures</p> <p><a href="http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk">www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.nhsgrampian.org">www.nhsgrampian.org</a></p>
6.	How we procure goods and services from external providers	Details of how we procure services will be placed on our integration web pages when available.
7.	How we are performing	<p>The IJB came into existence on 1 April 2016 and information about the performance of the IJB will appear on our Web Pages</p> <p><a href="http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk">www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.nhsgrampian.org">www.nhsgrampian.org</a></p>
8.	Our commercial publications	The IJB does not have any.