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**Report to: Audit and Scrutiny Committee**

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**Date of Meeting: 23 April 2026**

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**Subject: IJB Budget 2026/27**

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**Report by: Chief Finance Officer IJB**

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## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1. The 2026/27 budget for the IJB was presented to IJB members on 25 March 2026. The paper is brought forward for Council Members' information.

## **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1. Members are asked to note:

- The IJB forecast deficit for 2026/27 is £19.673m.
- Of the £19.673m deficit savings of £10.815m have been identified.
- Further savings of £8.858m require to be found and a recovery plan requires to be put in place for this amount to balance the IJB budget for 2026/27.
- The 2026/27 IJB budget was agreed by members subject to a budget recovery plan being brought back to the 24 June 2026 meeting.

## **3.0 Considerations**

- 3.1. Council members are asked to note the 2026/27 budget for the IJB is not fully balanced and further work is required.

## **4.0 Sustainability Implications**

- 4.1. None applicable.

## **5.0 Resource Implications**

- 5.1. *Financial Details*

5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

5.4. *Staffing*

## 6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes  (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

## 7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

### (1) Our Priorities

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all

Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life

Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential

Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

### (2) Council Policies

Complies with relevant Council Policies

## 8.0 Impact Assessments

8.1 Have you attached the combined equalities impact assessment to ensure compliance with the public sector equality duty and fairer Scotland duty? (All EFSIAs also require to be published on the Council's website)

Yes

8.2 If an impact assessment has not been undertaken you should explain why:

An integrated impact assessment will be undertaken for the IJB savings proposals as appropriate.

## 9.0 Legality

- 9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

## 10.0 Appendices

- 10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

Appendix One – Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board  
Annual Budget Report 2026/27

## 11.0 Background Papers

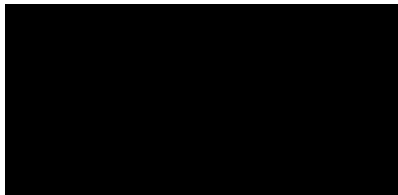
- 11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes  (please list the documents below) No

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### Approved by

NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
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# Clackmannanshire & Stirling Integration Joint Board

25 March 2026

Agenda Item 7

## Annual Budget Report 2026/27

*For Noting and Decision*

<b>Paper Approved for Submission by:</b>	Dr Jennifer Borthwick, Interim Chief Officer
<b>Paper presented by</b>	Amy McDonald, Interim Chief Finance Officer
<b>Author</b>	Amy McDonald, Interim Chief Finance Officer
<b>Exempt Report</b>	No

Directions	
<b>No Direction Required</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Clackmannanshire Council</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Stirling Council</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>NHS Forth Valley</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	<p>The report provides:</p> <p>The 2026/27 revenue budget for the delivery of the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) responsibilities; and the financial allocations proposed to be made for Clackmannanshire Council, Stirling Council and NHS Forth Valley to fund the IJB for the 2026/27 year.</p>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p>It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Notes the IJB will require to develop a recovery plan as well as delivering in year savings to ensure that the current budget gap of £8.858m is addressed, this will allow the IJB to balance the 2026/27 budget. A report will be brought back to the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 meeting on how financial balance will be addressed in 2026/27;</li> <li>b) Notes Clackmannanshire Council and Stirling Council agreed their General Fund budget for 2026/27 on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2026, with an increase of funding for the IJB to cover the Real Living Wage increase and uplift in Free Personal and Nursing Care. Stirling Council included £1.5m towards the IJB additional in year funding requirement.</li> <li>c) Approves the revised charges that will increase income for the IJB by £0.605m which require IJB approval, charges per section 2.14;</li> <li>d) Notes NHS Forth Valley meets to agree their 2026/27 budget on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2026.</li> <li>e) Approves the proposed Revenue Budget for the 2026/27 financial year subject to NHS Forth Valley budget approval on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2026 and an IJB Recovery Plan to be approved on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026;</li> <li>f) Approves the savings proposed of £10.815m to support budget delivery for 2026/27. The proposed</li> </ol>

	<p>savings to be delivered leave a budget gap of £8.858m and require further savings to be delivered. If the budget gap of £8.858m is not closed by way of a recovery plan, there is a risk that partner organisations will require to make a further financial contribution to the IJB in 2026/27; and</p> <p>g) Makes the Directions at Appendix 1A to Clackmannanshire Council, Appendix 1B to Stirling Council and Appendix 1C to NHS Forth Valley and instructs the interim Chief Officer to issue the Directions to Clackmannanshire Council, Stirling Council and NHS Forth Valley respectively.</p>
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<p><b>Key issues and risks:</b></p>	<p>2025/26 year end outturn is a higher deficit than forecast caused by unforeseen year end accruals and/or higher than anticipated expenditure in the last quarter of the year.</p> <p>2026/27 savings and the recovery plan are not delivered in year worsening the financial position of the IJB with the potential for a risk share contribution from partners.</p>
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## 1. Strategic Plan Context

- 1.1. The C&S Health and Social Care Partnership (C&SHSCP) must work to provide statutory services but within the funding provided by Clackmannanshire Council, Stirling Council and NHS Forth Valley (the partners).
- 1.2. The 2026/27 budget sets out to achieve working to financial sustainability. To do this will require:
  - Savings of £10.815m to be achieved.
  - A recovery plan is required to address the funding short fall of £8.858m.
  - If the savings and/or the recovery plan does not deliver the required savings there is a potential partners may require to provide further funding to the IJB by way of risk share arrangements.
  - A real focus and commitment by the IJB in driving through the work required to underpin these savings and recovery plan.

- To run in parallel to the savings workstream, more transformative projects which look to bring greater efficiency to the delivery of health and care services with the ambition to start developing savings for 2027/28 and future years.
- 1.3. The budget for 2026/27 and the following 3 years underpins the delivery of the Strategic Plan 2023-33. The medium-term financial forecast recognises the focus of improving health outcomes in Clackmannanshire and Stirling.
- 1.4. To be successful in this model of health and care delivery there will require a continued emphasis on prevention with active steps to develop this approach being taken.

## 2. Summary Key Information

### Budget 2025/26

- 2.1. The IJB forecast financial position for 2025/26 will result in:

There being no remaining uncommitted reserves with which to balance financial risk during the 2026/27 financial year. There will also be limited remaining earmarked reserves with the balance falling from £6.253m to £2.052m. The budget plan for 2026/27 recognises the underlying deficit from 2025/26 and subsequent years must be addressed.

- 2.2. The 2025/26 forecast budget outturn: Is a recurring overspend of £15.496m and therefore impacts on the budget gap in 2026/27. The year-end balance is reduced to £7.295m after use of earmarked reserves and uses the remaining uncommitted available reserves.
- 2.3. The table below illustrates the budget pressure in 2026/27:

<b>Budget Pressures 2026/27</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Pay inflation	- 2,418	
Prescribing	- 2,090	
Commissioned services	- 5,866	
Non-pay inflationary pressures	- 1,761	
In -year budget pressure		- <b>12,135</b>
Budget deficit 2025/26		- 15,496
Total budget pressure		- <b>27,631</b>

- 2.4. The pressures for 2026/27 are significant;

Managing last year's budget overspend, £15.496m;

Pay inflation assumed at 3.5% is unfunded for Councils;

Prescribing pressures continue to grow – 5.5% overall increase in cost, £2.090m, largely driven by forecast increase in volumes;

Commissioned services, £5.866m, covers adult social care pressure of inflation, including the costs of the Real Living Wage Increase and National Care Home Contract rate covering residential care; and

Non-pay inflationary pressures continue, £1.761m.

2.5. The total budget pressure of £27.631m is made up of the 2026/27 in year pressures of £12.135m and the £15.496m 2025/26 budget deficit. This total is 11% of the Health and Social Care Budget for 2025/26 before Set-Aside funding.

2.6. The table below illustrates the budget position for 2026/27.

<b>In year, 2026/27 budget position:</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
In year, 2026/27 budget pressure	-	<b>12,135</b>
2025/26 Budget funding:		
New funding - Real Living Wage and NHS uplift	7,353	
Increase in charges	605	
	<b>7,958</b>	
In year 2026/27 deficit	-	4,177
Budget deficit 2025/26	-	15,496
<b>Budget deficit 2026/27 before savings</b>	-	<b>19,673</b>
Commissioned services	6,422	
Review of day services	640	
Service efficiency review	2,745	
Reduction in high cost care package	1,008	
Proposed budget savings 2026/27		<b>10,815</b>
Budget deficit 2026/27 after savings	-	8,858
Required recovery plan delivery		8,858
Budget position after recovery plan		0

2.7. The budget pressure after new funding is £19.673m.

2.8. Additional national funding for next year of £7,353m and increase in income from local charges of £0.605m results in £7.958m which covers a number of in year pressures. This additional national and local funding reduces the total budget pressure to £19.673m.

2.9. Given the financial performance of the IJB within the financial year 2025/26 and as a result, the erosion of its financial resilience through its use of remaining reserves, partners of the IJB have been open to financially supporting the IJB within 2025/26 in order to enable a more financially sustainable model of health and social care to be designed.

2.10. Partners are aware of the financial budget pressures for the IJB in 2026/27. Clackmannanshire Council has not agreed any additional contribution currently. Stirling Council approved an additional payment of £1.5m to the IJB on the 26th of February 2026. NHS Forth Valley will approve their budget on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2026. The IJB Chief Finance Officer is working with the Chief Finance Officers of all partner organisations - consideration will be given to

savings proposals for 2026/27 and the recovery plan - the financial risks will be considered if this plan does not deliver in full the required £8.858m of savings to bring the IJB budget into balance for 2026/27.

2.11. The 2026/27 uplift in funding is shown below:

<b>£'000</b>	<b>New Funding - Real Living Wage &amp; NHS uplift</b>
<b>2026/27 Budget Funding:</b>	
Clackmannanshire Council	1,901
Stirling Council	2,965
NHS Forth Valley	2,487
	7,353
Additional Charges to the IJB	605
2026/27 additional budget funding	<b>7,958</b>
Recovery plan savings required 2026/27	<b>8,858</b>
Additional contribution Stirling Council	1,500
Net recovery plan savings	<b>7,358</b>

2.12. The recovery plan savings required are a net £7.358m. If these savings cannot be achieved additional partner contributions would be required by way of risk sharing arrangements. During this time the IJB will be considerate to protect essential frontline services.

2.13. The IJB savings will be managed across service areas which will focus on:

- Achieving better value for money;
- Developing efficiencies in service provision;
- Managing levels of service;
- Focusing on essential frontline service delivery; and
- Protecting essential services to meet need.

2.14. The table below shows the charges the IJB makes for some of the services provided, with charging uplifts contributing £0.605m of additional income

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>2025/26 Charge £</b>	<b>2026/27 Charge £</b>
Adult Care - Day Care	Per hour	15.96	25.00
Adult Care - Care at Home	Per hour	15.96	25.00
Adult Care - Telecare Charge	Per week	1.85	5.00
Adult Care - Mobile Emergency Care Service	Per visit	4.83	5.10
Adult Care - Key box purchase and installation	Per unit	120.00	126.00
Adult Care - Equipment	No charge	-	-
Adult Care - Minor adaptations	No charge	-	-
Adult Care - Nursing Care	-	Assessed	Assessed
Adult Care - Residential Care	-	Assessed	Assessed
Adult Care - Local Authority over 65's	-	Assessed	Assessed
Adult Care - Local Authority under 65's	-	Assessed	Assessed
Adult Care - Respite Care	-	Assessed	Assessed

These charges were presented by Clackmannanshire Council and Stirling Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2026.

2.15. Further details of the 2026/27 savings are shown below:

<b>IJB savings 2026/27</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Commissioned Services</b>		
Review of care provision of older people	2,310	
Review of care provision learning disability	3,364	
Residential care older people	660	
Respite care self funders	88	
		6,422
<b>Review of day care provision</b>		
Review of day care provision	640	
		640
<b>Service Efficiency Review</b>		
Provision short term care beds	2,645	
Review of residential care learning disability	100	
		2,745
<b>Reduction in high cost care package</b>		
Reduction in high cost care package	1,008	
		1,008
<b>Savings 2026/27</b>		<b>10,815</b>

2.16. The savings will cover commissioned services;

- A review of the delivery of day care services to ensure delivery is efficient and value for money;
- Ensuring care that people receive is within the critical need categories with a focus on community rehabilitation, this includes therapy led re-enablement interventions to support people to recover and retain function;
- Working closely with key commissioned service provider to manage down budget pressures associated with the increasing costs of care;

- Ensuring care is delivered by the most efficient means; and
- Reviewing high cost care provision to get better value for money while maintaining essential services.

2.17. It is helpful for the IJB to have an early indication of the work which will be undertaken by C&SHSCP and Councils to progress these savings options. Robust evidence for these projects will come forward where decisions are required, so that any impacts identified throughout the working life of the projects are given due regard at that time.

2.18. The table below gives the details of the budget required for 2026/27 year assuming the additional payment of £8.858m from partners, noting Stirling Council approved a further £1.5m contribution on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2026;

	<b>New Funding £'000</b>	<b>Proposed Revenue Budget £'000</b>
Health and Social Care 2025/26		250,669
Set Aside		38,978
Health and Social Care 2025/26		289,647
New funding - Real Living Wage and NHS uplift	7,353	
Increase in charges	605	
Increase in Set Aside Funding	1,283	
		9,241
Funding for 2026/27		298,888
Required funding for 2026/27		<b>307,746</b>
Required recovery plan savings		<b>8,858</b>

2.19. The details of where the £307,746k of expenditure in 2026/27 will be directed are shown below:

IJB Budget C&SHSCP	2025/26 Budget £'000	2025/26 Forecast £'000	2026/27 Pressure £'000	IJB 2026/27 £'000	2026/27 Savings £'000	2026/27 Budget £'000	2026/27 % Budget
Community Health Services	44,564	42,752	1,401	44,153	1,558	42,595	13.8%
Learning Disabilities	32,315	36,385	2,077	38,462	4,104	34,358	11.2%
Older People and Physical Disabilities	50,337	61,119	3,321	64,440	4,145	60,295	19.6%
Primary Care Prescribing	32,580	37,997	2,090	40,087	0	40,087	13.0%
Primary Care	64,754	64,219	2,195	66,414	0	66,414	21.6%
Mental Health	11,363	10,911	615	11,526	1,008	10,518	3.4%
Housing Aids and Adaptations	835	835	25	860	0	860	0.3%
Substance Misuse	4,158	3,815	114	3,929	0	3,929	1.3%
Management Other and Community Admin	3,921	3,357	122	3,479	0	3,479	1.1%
Transformation Funds	2,658	2,008	70	2,078	0	2,078	0.7%
Vacintions - women and children	423	408	15	423	0	423	0.1%
Health Promotion, Health Improvement & Corporate Services	2,761	2,360	89	2,449	0	2,449	0.8%
	<b>250,669</b>	<b>266,165</b>	<b>12,135</b>	<b>278,300</b>	<b>10,815</b>	<b>267,485</b>	
Set Aside	38,978	43,751	1,283	45,034		40,261	13.1%
	<b>289,647</b>	<b>309,916</b>	<b>13,418</b>	<b>323,334</b>	<b>10,815</b>	<b>307,746</b>	

### 3. [Implications for the IJB](#)

#### Budget 2026/27 Financial Risk

- 3.1. **Budget assumptions** are based on estimations which may not reflect future actual events and therefore carry a degree of risk.
- 3.2. **Prescribing costs** have grown in recent years with growth forecast to continue. There are drugs purchased from America which may go up in price if further trade tariffs are imposed.
- 3.3. **The budget base** for the 2026/27 budget is the outturn from the current 2025/26 year. There is a risk the forecast overspend of £15.496m may change due to unknown costs. This could impact on the 2026/27 budget.
- 3.4. **Increased income charges** may not generate the full additional income forecast of £605k in year. This will have an impact on the budgeted outcome for 2026/27.
- 3.5. **Commissioned service providers** may also be experiencing financial pressure, the HSCP will only be able to pass on the Real Living Wage increase and no other inflationary pressures.
- 3.6. **National Care Home Contract** negotiations have not yet concluded. The IJB recognises the risk of not having an agreed contract rate moving into the new year.
- 3.7. The **Bank of England**, at its February meeting, expected **inflation** to fall back to around the 2% target from April 2026 however this was before the start of the Middle East conflict which is having a significant impact on fuel inflation, this is expected to impact other areas of the economy. The risk around inflationary pressures will continue to be managed by the IJB.
- 3.8. **IJB unallocated reserves** have now been exhausted and therefore there remains no risk reserve to manage in year budget fluctuations. The current IJB ear marked reserves are not being used to fund project work and therefore can

be used to assist in managing the 2025/26 year end position with the potential to consider how any remaining reserves are used in 2026/27. The remaining £2.052m of reserves are allocated to improvement projects, these will be fully reviewed before the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2026 IJB.

- 3.9. **Delivery of savings** – failing to deliver savings must be well managed through the Budget Savings and Oversight Group which will be driving forward projects overseen by the Finance, Audit and Performance Committee and the IJB.
- 3.10. **Recovery plan** require to delivery savings of £8.858m to balance the 2026/27 budget. Stirling Council have approved £1.5m towards a potential 2026/27 risk share of IJB overspend reducing the recovery plan savings to £7.358m. Clackmannanshire Council are aware the IJB is projected to have a deficit in 2026/27. NHS Forth Valley will agree their budget on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. The IJB have not asked partners for any risk share funding in 2026/27 at this time.
- 3.11. The Chief Finance Officer will continue to work with the CFO’s of partner organisations with regard to the recovery plan and how financial balance could be achieved in 2026/27 - this will include review of the recovery plan options, consideration of the remaining £2.052m of ear marked reserves before any consideration of further partner contribution via recommended risk share arrangements for the 2026/27 year.

## Appendices

- 1. **Directions for partners:**
  - a. Clackmannanshire Council
  - b. Stirling Council
  - c. NHS Forth Valley

Fit with Strategic Priorities:	
Prevention and Early Intervention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Independent Living through Choice and Control	<input type="checkbox"/>
Achieve Care Closer to Home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting People and Empowering Communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reducing Loneliness and Isolation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enabling Activities	
Medium Term Financial Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Workforce Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioning Consortium	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transforming Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
Data and Performance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication and Engagement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implications	
<b>Finance:</b>	Financial implications are noted throughout the report for 2026/27 budget. Clackmannanshire Council, Stirling Council

	and NHS Forth Valley should be aware that there are significant challenges in balancing the budget for the 2026/27 financial year.
<b>Other Resources:</b>	There are no direct implications as a result of this report.
<b>Legal:</b>	The recommendations within this report note that the IJB is required to develop a Recovery Plan to close the £8.858m budget gap, net £7.358m after consideration of the additional contribution to the IJB by Stirling Council of ££1.5m. If this gap is not closed the budget will not be balanced in 2026/27. If this is the case it may be necessary for the IJB to seek additional partner contributions by way of the risk sharing arrangements compliant with the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Scheme but only after all other options for savings have been exhausted.
<b>Risk &amp; mitigation:</b>	Outlined in the report. Further work surrounding risk will be progressed and brought back to the IJBs March meeting.
<b>Equality and Human Rights:</b>	The content of this report <b><u>does not</u></b> require a EQIA
<b>Data Protection:</b>	The content of this report <b><u>does not</u></b> require a DPIA
<b>Fairer Duty Scotland</b>	<p>Fairer Scotland Duty places a legal responsibility on public bodies in Scotland to actively consider ('pay due regard' to) how they can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions.</p> <p>The Guidance for public bodies can be found at:  <a href="https://www.gov.scot/resources/consultation-papers/collections/documents/Fairer-Scotland-Duty-guidance-for-public-bodies-2024.pdf">Fairer Scotland Duty: guidance for public bodies - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)</a></p> <p><b>Please select the appropriate statement below:</b></p> <p>This paper <b><u>does not</u></b> require a Fairer Duty assessment.</p>

## Appendix 1a

Ref: CSIJB-2025\_26/019

Direction - Clackmannanshire Council

### DIRECTION ISSUED UNDER S26-28 OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

Clackmannanshire Council is hereby directed to deliver for the Board, the services noted below in pursuance of the functions noted below and within the associated budget noted below. Services will be provided in line with the Board's Strategic Plan, directions previously issued by the integration joint board and existing operational arrangements pending future directions from the Board.

**Approval from IJB received on:** 25 March 2026

**Description of services/functions:-** All community health services covered by the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Scheme.

**Reference to the integration scheme:-** All services listed in Annex 2, Part 1 and appropriate services listed in Part 2 of the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Integration Scheme.

**Link to strategic priorities** (with reference to strategic plan and commissioning plan):

1. Prevention, early intervention and harm reduction
2. Independent Living through choice and control
3. Achieving Care Closer to Home
4. Supporting empowered people and communities
5. Reducing loneliness and isolation

**Timescales involved:-**

Start date: 01 April 2026

End date: 31 March 2027

**Associated Budget:**

The associated budget for these functions and services is £32.188m.

This direction is effective from 1 April 2026.

## Appendix 1b

Ref: CSIJB-2025\_26/020

Direction - Stirling Council

### DIRECTION ISSUED UNDER S26-28 OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

Stirling Council is hereby directed to deliver for the Board, the services noted below in pursuance of the functions noted below and within the associated budget noted below. Services will be provided in line with the Board's Strategic Plan, directions previously issued by the integration joint board and existing operational arrangements pending future directions from the Board.

**Approval from IJB received on:** 25 March 2026

**Description of services/functions:-** All community health services covered by the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Scheme.

**Reference to the integration scheme:-** All services listed in Annex 2, Part 1 and appropriate services listed in Part 2 of the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Integration Scheme.

**Link to strategic priorities** (with reference to strategic plan and commissioning plan):

1. Prevention, early intervention and harm reduction
2. Independent Living through choice and control
3. Achieving Care Closer to Home
4. Supporting empowered people and communities
5. Reducing loneliness and isolation

**Timescales involved:-**

Start date: 01 April 2026

End date: 31 March 2027

**Associated Budget:**

The associated budget for these functions and services is £61.533m

This direction is effective from 1 April 2026.

## Appendix 1c

Ref: CSIJB-2025\_26/021

Direction – Forth Valley Health Board

**DIRECTION ISSUED UNDER S26-28 OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

Forth Valley Health Board is hereby directed to deliver for the Board, the services noted below in pursuance of the functions noted below and within the associated budget noted below. Services will be provided in line with the Board's Strategic Plan, directions previously issued by the integration joint board and existing operational arrangements pending future directions from the Board.

**Approval from IJB received on:** 25 March 2026

**Description of services/functions:-** All community health services covered by the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Scheme.

**Reference to the integration scheme:-** All services listed in Annex 1, Part 1 and appropriate services listed in Part 2 of the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Integration Scheme.

**Link to strategic priorities** (with reference to strategic plan and commissioning plan):

1. Prevention, early intervention and harm reduction
2. Independent Living through choice and control
3. Achieving Care Closer to Home
4. Supporting empowered people and communities
5. Reducing loneliness and isolation

**Timescales involved:-**

Start date: 01 April 2026

End date: 31 March 2027

**Associated Budget:**

The associated budget for these functions and services is £204.768m.

This direction is effective from 1 April 2026.