



REPORT TO ABERDEENSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD (IJB) 20 MARCH 2024

CHIEF OFFICER'S UPDATE

HMP GRAMPIAN INSPECTION

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland recently announced their programme of inspections for 2024/25 and have advised that HMP Grampian will be inspected between 3rd and 7th June 2024.

The inspections will be undertaken against HMIPS's set of pre-determined standards as set out in the HMIPS document [Standards | HMIPS \(prisonsinspectoratescotland.gov.uk\)](https://prisonsinspectoratescotland.gov.uk). The standard relevant for prison healthcare is Standard Nine: Health and Wellbeing. The inspection of prison healthcare is carried out jointly with inspectors from Health Improvement Scotland.

In preparation for the inspection, we are in the process of setting up a dedicated inspection ready group for Prison Healthcare which will sit as a subgroup to the Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership Inspection Ready Group. This will allow us oversight of where we are in terms of the standards and to ensure that we have an action plan in place ahead of the inspection. The intention would be that this inspection ready group will remain in place post inspection as part of an overall service improvement framework for healthcare services within HMP Grampian.

In order to provide assurance to the Senior Management Team and the Integration Joint Board it would be our intention to provide regular updates on our progress against the Health and Wellbeing Standards through regular briefings and reports to the Clinical and Adult Social Work Governance Group.

DELAYED DISCHARGES

Since my last update to the IJB in January, there has been little significant change regarding our delayed discharges in Aberdeenshire and they continue to remain high. There has also been little change to the main reasons for delays, which include place availability, care arrangements and Adults with Incapacity (AWI) processes. We continue our daily management oversight and focus on our delays at both locality and Aberdeenshire-wide levels, as well as participating in the Grampian-wide Optimising Patient Flow Delayed Discharge Task and Finish Group. Work is ongoing with regards to supporting staff to use the Moving On policy, ensuring compliance and accuracy with regards to Planned Date of Discharge (PPD) for patients, and looking at learning from other areas to see how we might improve performance within existing resources.

The HSCP had hoped to create new capacity building on our Virtual Community Ward in central Aberdeenshire, unfortunately the national funding for this is not available in 2024/25. In line with national requirements, work is underway to set a target for delayed discharges for 2024/25 as part of NHS Grampian's Annual Delivery Plan.

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