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Item 06

THIS PAPER IS FOR DISCUSSION

DELIVERING OUR 2030 STRATEGY UPDATE

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Action required	The Board is asked to note and discuss progress in relation to delivery of the 2030 Strategy portfolios.																																			
Key points	<p>The purpose of the 2030 Strategy Portfolio Board update is to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a high level summary of progress around delivery of the 2030 Strategy Portfolios and demonstrate the impact on delivery of our strategic aims. • Provide assurance to the Board that mitigating actions are in place for projects that are not within timeline. • Highlight any issues or risks that require escalation to the Board. <p>Overall good progress continues to be made across all portfolios of work with path to green plans in place for projects in Amber or Red status.</p> <p>Table 1 – High Level Summary of Project Status</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="405 1592 1544 1899"> <thead> <tr> <th>Portfolio</th> <th>Green</th> <th>Amber</th> <th>Red</th> <th>Other</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Integrated Planned, Unscheduled & Urgent Care</td> <td>10</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Data, Digital, Innovation & Research</td> <td>8</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communities & Place</td> <td>4</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Preventative & Proactive Care</td> <td>5</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workforce & Wellbeing</td> <td>8</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Totals</td> <td>35</td> <td>3</td> <td>0</td> <td>9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There are no issues or risks that require escalation to the Board.</p>	Portfolio	Green	Amber	Red	Other	Integrated Planned, Unscheduled & Urgent Care	10			1	Data, Digital, Innovation & Research	8	1		1	Communities & Place	4	2		5	Preventative & Proactive Care	5				Workforce & Wellbeing	8			2	Totals	35	3	0	9
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	<p>The Q2 Annual Delivery Plan progress report was submitted to Scottish Government on 18th November 2024.</p> <p>Planning for the development of the 25/26 Annual Delivery Plan and rolling 3-year Medium Term has commenced. Development sessions will be held with the Executive Team in December and engagement will take place with our leadership team, staff and partners to help inform the plans ahead of the draft submission to the Board in January.</p>
Timing	This paper is presented to the November 2024 Board and is a standing item on the Board agenda.
Associated Corporate Risk Identification	<p>4636 – Health & Wellbeing of Staff</p> <p>5602 – Service’s defence against a Cyber Attack</p> <p>4638 – Hospital Handover Delays</p> <p>5062 – Failure to achieve Financial Targets</p> <p>5519 – Statutory & Mandatory training</p>
Link to Corporate Ambitions	<p>We will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively with citizens and our partners to create healthier and safer communities • Innovate to continuously improve our care and enhance the resilience and sustainability of our services • Improve population health and tackle the impact of inequalities • Deliver our net zero climate targets • Provide the people of Scotland with compassionate, safe and effective care when and where they need it • Be a great place to work, focusing on staff experience, health and wellbeing
Link to NHS Scotland’s quality ambitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe • Effective • Person Centred
Benefit to Patients	Patients are provided with the right care, in the right place at the right time, enabling improved outcomes for patients.
Climate Change Impact Identification	This paper has identified no impacts on climate change.
Equality and Diversity	No equality and diversity points to note. EQIA will be undertaken if necessary, on commencement of the work.



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SCOTTISH AMBULANCE SERVICE BOARD

2030 STRATEGY DELIVERY UPDATE

**KAREN BROGAN, DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY PLANNING &
PROGRAMMES**

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of the 2030 Strategy Portfolio Board update is to

- Provide a high-level summary of progress around delivering the 2030 Strategy Delivery Plans and demonstrate the impact on delivering our strategic aims.
- Provide assurance to the Board that mitigating actions are in place for projects not within the timeline.
- Highlight any issues or risks that require escalation to the Board.

SECTION 2: RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board is asked to note and discuss progress in relation to the delivery of the 2030 Strategy portfolios.

SECTION 3: BACKGROUND

The 2030 Strategy was developed and launched in September 2022. In November 2022, the Board subsequently established a supporting governance structure consisting of 5 Portfolio Boards and a 2030 Steering Group to ensure effective monitoring and delivery of the strategy. The portfolio boards are chaired by an executive lead and report directly to the 2030 Steering Group, chaired by the Chief Executive. The portfolio boards are supported by a 2030 portfolio manager and a strategy administrator to develop and ensure high-quality, standardised reporting across projects, programmes, and portfolios.

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SECTION 4: DISCUSSION

4.1 Summary of Progress

Progress continues to be positive across all work areas, and any delays caused by operational challenges or other factors are being actively addressed to minimise their impact on project timelines. See below for an update on the individual projects.

Table 1 – High-Level Summary of Project Status

Portfolio	Green	Amber	Red	Other
Integrated Planned, Unscheduled & Urgent Care	10			1
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Totals	35	3	0	9

4.2 Projects in Other Status

The 'other' category relates to projects in planning or scoping stages or projects that have come to an end. There are 9 Projects across the portfolios that are in the other category.

4.2.1 Preparation for National Care Service

The Scottish Ambulance Service is actively engaged in supporting the development of the National Care Service (NCS).

The NCS (Scotland) Bill passed Stage 1 in February 2024, and progress is ongoing. On Monday, 24th June, the Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing, and Sport, released a set of documents related to the NCS Bill. These documents included proposed draft amendments for Stage 2, offering detailed insights into the ongoing development of the NCS. They are now available on the Scottish Parliament website as the Committee seeks public input over the summer and autumn.

In addition, an early draft of the National Care Service Charter was shared with the Health, Social Care, and Sport Committee. The Scottish Ambulance participated in engagement sessions to support the development of the Charter, which outlines the rights and responsibilities of individuals accessing NCS support. It also provides a clear process for addressing complaints if their rights are not upheld.

Three co-design groups were established in August

- Governance and Representation
- Complaints and Redress (Lived Experience) and
- Complaints and Redress (Service Providers)

These groups have been meeting to shape aspects of the National Care Service (NCS). And have now progressed through over half of their scheduled sessions, meeting both online and in person.

In September, each group focused on key areas:

- Governance and Representation considered the perspectives and composition needed for the NCS Board.
- Complaints and Redress (Lived Experience) identified challenges in Scotland's complaints system and mapped the complaint journey.
- Complaints and Redress (Service Providers) discussed the process for social care complaints and mapped organisational handling steps.

SAS also attended the National Care Service Forum on Monday, 7th October 2024 and is awaiting the session's official output to inform us of the next steps in the co-design process.

4.2.2 Anchor Institution Strategic Plan

The Boards Anchor Institution Strategic Plan was developed and issued to Scottish Government on 27 October 2023 and subsequently approved by the Board in November. Further work was also undertaken in March 2024 to develop the supporting baseline metrics.

A project proposal was submitted to the engine room in August setting out proposed oversight and governance arrangements for monitoring the implementation of the Boards Anchor Strategic Plan in key areas such as procurement, fair work practices, and the use of our land and assets. The proposal was approved by the engine room and endorsed at the 2030 steering group in September.

This structured approach will ensure that the objectives of our Anchor Strategic Plan are efficiently and effectively met, providing a clear framework for monitoring, governance and accountability, including progress updates to the Board and Scottish Government. This will also formally be reported through the Communities and Place Portfolio Board.

4.2.3 Community Planning Development

This project is about ensuring that the Scottish Ambulance Service supports the improvement of local health outcomes and equity in community services through strategic participation in Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs).

An analysis of service representation in CPPS throughout Scotland found that 23 out of the 32 CPPs have service representation (72%). Representation varies by region: East (92%), West (62%), and the North (57%).

To improve our current arrangements with CPPs, we are developing a plan to enhance local health outcomes and equity in community services by standardising our strategic participation in CPPs. These measures are expected to improve our collaboration with CPPs, ensuring that our participation is effective and beneficial to local communities.

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Since the last update to the Board, it has been agreed that the Strategic Planning Team will lead on this work, working closely with local Heads of Service. This work is also linked to the stakeholder engagement action agreed by the Board in response to the Blueprint for Governance self assessment.

4.2.4 Community Hubs / South Station Delivery

The Community Hub/South Station development project was established to identify options and develop an Outline Business Case (OBC) for the replacement of Glasgow South Station.

As previously highlighted to the Board, the development of the OBC has been delayed due to national pause in capital funding. Despite this, the Scottish Government has confirmed they would support the project's advancement, to ensure the Service can progress this rapidly as soon as funding becomes more certain however at this stage this is limited. Our engagement with local community members through YMSL paramedics remains ongoing as we continue to gather insights into local needs for the community hub concept.

We continue to work closely with Healthcare Improvement Scotland to meet the engagement requirements set out within the 'Planning with People – Community engagement and participation guidance' (Planning with People) which represents a national approach to engagement on appraising different locations for the station. This appraisal will consider both the current location and any newly identified alternative sites. To maintain momentum these meetings are now every six weeks.

Additionally, an analysis of population health data is underway to help inform suitable location and services for a community hub. The scoping of the new project request with HubWest will be completed on confirmation of funding and will form part of a medium-term approach to developing the OBC.

It has now been agreed that a formal project proposal for this work will be developed in November 2024 with the aim of reestablishing a formal programme of work to support the South Station Outline Business case.

4.2.5 Review of EPDD Training & Education

The review of the EPDD Training & Education model will now commence in the 2025 Financial Year.

4.2.6 Agile Working Policy

The Agile working policy supporting guidance has been issued and this project is now closed. There is a separate piece of work underway to assess the impact of flexible

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working numbers on our estate requirements and this will be reported through the for Best Value Steering Group and Property Forum.

4.2.7 CALEAS

The CAELUS Research study has now come to a close, the end of project report and lessons learned were shared at the Portfolio Board.

4.2.8 Air Ambulance

A new project has been established to enable implementation of the new air ambulance contract.

4.3 Projects that are back on track

At the September Board, it was highlighted that there were 2 Projects in the Red Status for delivery and 2 in Amber. This section details the current status of these Projects.

4.3.1 Rest Period Improvement Project

The September update to the Board highlighted that the Rest Period improvement project was in the red status. The initial work had been completed with positive results and the project was due to close however there was a request from partnership to extend the work of the group. Since the last update to the Board, it has been agreed to extend the work of the group to March 2025 to assess if there are any further opportunities to deliver changes.

4.3.2 Digital Patient Handover

SAS currently receive over 2000 calls per week from NHS 24. Implementation of the NHS 24 to SAS digital patient handover will streamline the process for patients and staff and reduce unnecessary voice calls between services.

The Board were advised in September that this project was in the red status and the critical path to green was to reach agreement with NHS 24 on call address exception handling. Agreement has now been reached, address exceptions will be managed by passing the callers details via phone rather than digital transfer. To support this change in process, NHS24 is implementing an enhancement to its software application to prompt Call Handlers to phone SAS in the event that an exception occurs.

Go live is now expected on 3rd December.

The Dementia project has remained in the Amber status, however as detailed further below, there has been positive news about funding that will enable this plan to be re-baselined.

Stroke & Thombectomy delivery is also now back on track.

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4.4 Projects in Amber Status for Delivery

4.4.1 Dementia Strategy & Implementation

The aim of the dementia strategy project was to develop a dementia strategy and implementation plan in line with the Scottish Government strategy to ensure we provide compassionate and supportive care for patients experiencing problems related to or directly caused by dementia.

The Board were advised in September of the ongoing delay in the Development of the Dementia Strategy & Implementation plan due to not having the necessary funding in place to take forward the work. Funding has now been secured and the updated plan and associated timelines for delivery are in development.

4.4.2 Mental Health

As part of our delivery plan this year, we have continued to work closely with NHS 24, Police Scotland, and Public Health Scotland to improve the management of patients with new or ongoing mental health symptoms. Our collaboration teams were recently recognised for the impact of our work by winning the Care of Mental health award at the Scotland's Health Awards for this work.

4.4.3 GRS Timecard

The GRS Timecard Project is the development and implementation of an electronic timesheet on the GRS system to feed the payroll system. This will reduce the requirement for manual paper claims and associated administration time for processing.

The electronic timesheet remains live in 1 station end to end. Testing was initially running in 8 other locations however this had been paused due to the impact of the reduced working week which now means that a system development is required to update the calculation for part time overtime rates to calculate at time & half after 37 hours rather than 37.5. An upgrade was also required to the system.

The GRS system was migrated onto new hardware in July and an upgrade to the software was applied to the test system on 28th August as planned. User acceptance testing is underway and due for completion by the end of November. There are now no major issues with timecard functionality within the upgrade that would affect go live, 2 out of the 3 issues identified have now had a fix applied, there are however some challenges that have been identified within the upgrade that relate to core GRS functionality and these will need resolved before the upgrade can be applied to the live system.

These issues have been reported to the supplier and the team will continue to work with them to resolve the issues.

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Issues and Risks for Escalation

At this stage, no risks across any of the Portfolios require escalation to the Board. All risks are managed through respective portfolio boards or exist on the Corporate Risk Register.

4.6 Annual Delivery Plan 2024/25 – Q2 Update

The Q2 Annual Delivery Plan progress update was submitted to Scottish Government on 18th November 2024.

4.7 Annual Delivery Plan 2025/26

Boards are expected to receive a commission for the 2025/26 Annual Delivery Plan and rolling 3-year Medium Term around the end of November. Early indications are that the first iteration of the draft plans will be due at the end of January in line with the draft financial plan. Development sessions will be held with the Executive Team in December and engagement will take place with our leadership team, staff and partners to inform the plans ahead of submission of the draft plan to the Board in January 25. The final plan is likely to be due in March 2025.

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Integrated Planned Urgent and Unscheduled Care Portfolio Report – 2030 SSG

Portfolio Lead:

Paul Bassett

Period covered:

24 Sep to 25 Oct

Portfolio RAG



Portfolio Summary

Progress continues to be made across the portfolio of work with all 10 projects/programmes on track. The Air Ambulance Implementation work has also kicked off and project planning is underway.

The Reduced Working Week Programme brought its first update to the Portfolio Board. The Short Life Working Groups have been actively addressing the short-term changes and system changes required to align with the new 37-hour working week (pro-rata) for Agenda for Change staff, effective from 1st April 2024.

The Resource Planning project team have Communications to staff drafted and approved for the Implementation of OT Message Approach. The go-live date of the 2nd of December has been agreed, email lists are now up to date and between now and December guidance will be circulated.

Scheduled Care Modelling Validation has been completed with Regional Management Teams and proposed Roster Keys have been signed off. A Position Paper has been prepared for Executive Team review and approval to move forward with Recruitment Plans to deliver the staffing in the model. The new controls that were implemented in July for Taxi usage is having a positive impact. Monitoring shows a steady decrease in usage. The British Red Cross's contract finished at the end of October and BRC staff have been transferred over to the service.

Good progress is being made around all clinical work streams.

For HCP Online Booking, The pilot with NHS Lanarkshire and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (GGC) has now concluded, although continued use has been approved for pilot participants. As of 25th October, 1,672 online bookings have been made. 87% of the bookings were 1 hour (urgent), 9% are two hour (planned) and the remaining 4% are 4 hour (routine). Focus is now on the first stage of rollout which will prioritise Flow Navigation Centres, although no specific rollout order has yet been agreed.

The Digital Patient Handover Project is now back on track. Address exceptions will be managed by passing the callers details via phone rather than digital transfer. To support this change in process, NHS24 is implementing an enhancement to its software application to prompt Call Handlers to phone SAS in the event that an exception occurs. Go live is now expected on 3rd December.

The Maternity and Neonatal Project has now gained some momentum and The Neonatal Transport Service are now undertaking a workforce review in line with the released data modelling. Data analysis and in-depth assessment of these models in progress with a plan made for assessing the requirement of national coverage to meet service needs. The project team are meeting weekly to ensure the project is progressing at a steady rate.

Integrated Planned Urgent and Unscheduled Care Portfolio Report – 2030 SSG

Portfolio Lead: Paul Bassett | Period covered: 24 Sep to 25 Oct | Portfolio RAG: RAG

Portfolio Timeline

Project / Activity	Start Date	End Date	Project Health		FY 24 / 25												25 / 26				
					Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
					Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25					
Reduced Working Week	01/08/23	30/09/27	RAG & Trend	→																	
			Milestones	0	03/04 - Setup SLWG's 17/04 - Set up key documentation 10/06 - Implement all System Updates 01/12 - Handover from temp structure to wider RWW & PL Programme 02/25/26 - Roster keys for 36 hpw 04/25/26 - Rosters built on GRS																
			Risks (VH&H)	0	03/04 - Establish oversight group 01/05 - Create System Process Map 23/07 - NPP approved by 2030 SSG 04/24/25 - Rostering software approved 04/24/25 - Additional delivery resources approved 23/07 - Enabling RWW accrued hours for 37 hpw 03/25/26 - Roster sign off																
			Issues (H)	0																	
Air Ambulance Implementation	01/11/24	TBA	RAG & Trend	→																	
			Milestones	0	Planning in progress																
			Risks (VH&H)	0																	
			Issues (H)	0																	
Resource Planning Review	01/09/22	31/01/25	RAG & Trend	→																	
			Milestones	0	03/24 - Phase 2 GRS Server migration complete 03/24 - Best Value scoping complete 10/24-11/24 - Implementation of OT messaging approach																
			Risks (VH&H)	0	03/24 - Trg needs assessment developed 06/24 - Resource Planning Structure Options paper																
			Issues (H)	1																	
Scheduled Care Improvement	12/06/24	30/06/25	RAG & Trend	→																	
			Milestones	0	12/06 - NPP approved by ER 07/24 - WS1-Sched Care Modelling Validation 03/25 - WS 2- Recruitment 03/25 - WS 5- Assess Taxi Usage																
			Risks (VH&H)	0	23/07 - NPP approved by 2030 09/24 - WS 4- Eval BRC Re-procurement 04/25 - WS 3- Timed Admissions (Card 46) 06/25 - Project Close																
			Issues (H)	0																	
OHCA	01/04/22	31/03/26	RAG & Trend	→																	
			Milestones	0	10/23 - Complete plan for GoodSAM data analysis 10/24 - Plan the SCAS 2024 03/24 - Develop a measurement framework for tCPR 12/24 - Analyse GoodSAM data as per data plan 03/25 - GoodSAM partnership engagement																
			Risks (VH&H)	0	05/24 - Develop new Timelines for "survival zones & cardiac responder expansion" 12/24 - Internal process for SAS responders /Child Death Review process 12/24 - Draft data driven plan for GoodSAM stakeholder engagement																
			Issues (H)	1																	

Integrated Planned Urgent and Unscheduled Care Portfolio Report – 2030 SSG

Portfolio Lead:

Paul Bassett

Period covered:

24 Sep to 25 Oct

Portfolio RAG

Portfolio Timeline (Continued)

Project / Activity	Start Date	End Date	Project Health		FY 24 / 25												25 / 26					
					RAG & Trend	Key Controls	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
							Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25				
Major Trauma	01/04/22	31/03/25	→	Milestones		31/10 04/24 06/24 - 3. Further develop the clinical structure of the AP in Critical Care Team												31/10 04/24 03/25 - 6. Further develop patient outcome / feedback processes for ambulance clinicians				
				Risks (VH&H)	1	03/25 - 2. Work with STN and STAG												03/25 - 8. Plan for peer review of amb service/pre hosp & maj trauma care				
				Issues (H)	0	31/10 02/24 07/24 - 4. Develop major trauma measures utilising linked patient outcome data												03/25 - 7. Engage with SAS green tier				
				Finance		07/24 11/24 - 5. Review and update multi agency MT pre-hospital CG structure																
Stroke & Thrombectomy	01/04/22	31/08/25	→	Milestones		31/10 TBC - NHS24 SAS Stroke patient re-categorisation												01/24 02/24 03/25 On-scene diagnosis of stroke				
				Risks (VH&H)	1	06/24 Stroke enhanced video triage Ph2												02/25 Stroke Enh Video Triage Ph3				
				Issues (H)	0	09/24 02/24 06/24 09/24 Crew clinical feedback to improve												08/25 East Scotland Stroke Improvement Project (Reg Dir Commission)				
				Finance	N/A	05/24 Scottish stroke care audit												09/24 EEM On scene time improvement prog Ph2				
Urgent Care	01/04/22	31/03/25	→	Milestones		06/23 10/23 09/24 - Measurement Framework												09/23 11/23 02/24 09/24 03/25 "Call Before Convey" active across all health boards pre winter 2023 with the ability to access senior decision support through FNC's or				
				Risks (VH&H)	0	06/23 11/23 02/24 - Digital Workstream												06/23 10/23 09/24 03/25 FNC / Pathways Joint Governance Framework				
				Issues (H)	0																	
				Finance																		
HCP Online Booking	01/08/22	31/12/24	→	Milestones		21/07 08/09 27/10 30/11 12/01 16/04 - Ready for Pilot												19/06 11/08 09/24 12/24 TBC - Last Board - Go				
				Risks (VH&H)	3	01/08 26/09 04/12 - 02/10 27/11 29/03 12/04 06/24 07/24 09/24 Pilot 1 - NHS Lanarkshire												TBC - Close				
				Issues (H)	0	10/10 5/12 04/12 20/11 15/12/24 29/03 12/04 07/24 09/24 Pilot 2 - NHS Ayrshire & Arran																
				Finance		15/04 14/03 05/04 10/04 11/24 09/24 - Review Pilot feedback and agree rollout plan																
Digital Patient Handover	01/05/23	30/04/25	↗	Milestones		11/23 12/23 02/24 03/24 05/24 06/24 16/07 - Sign Off Testing - AMB Req												01/24 02/24 06/24 07/24 08/24 09/24 02/25 - Ambulance Req Go Live - A&E				
				Risks (VH&H)	0													14/24 03/25 TBC - Measure HCP Call Handler				
				Issues (H)	1													12/23 01/24 03/24 05/24 06/24 07/24 12/24 - Ambulance Req Go Live - Timed admissions				
				Finance														11/24 April TBC - Project Close				
Best Start - Maternity & Neonatal Care	01/05/24	31/01/25	→	Milestones		27/05 - Service constraints / KPI's identified.												30/09 31/10 31/12 - Business Case developed				
				Risks (VH&H)	0	31/07 - Create stakeholder map																
				Issues (H)	0	17/06 - Agree option selection process																
				Finance	TBA	31/07 All options reviewed																



Portfolio Summary

The Volunteer Enhancement Project has seen a Cardiac Responder development lead appointed and a SAS Staff Engagement session has been hosted to raise awareness of SAS volunteering. An External review of the Volunteer Responder Services has now concluded, and recommendations were presented to the Executive Team. Consideration is now being given to how recommendations can be progressed. CFRs attended 1467 calls in this quarter, a marginal increase of 4% on the previous 3 months. Inconsistency in dispatch continues to be a challenge highlighted within the volunteer feedback.

The Mental Health team are currently re-baselining their plans and continues to progress. There has been a recent 2 day Mental Health development opportunity which enabled all team members and additional PRU Paramedics for trauma informed practice and explored plans to expand into organisational objectives. In collaboration with Police Scotland and NHS24, the team were awarded the Care of Mental health award at the Scotland's Health Awards for their work on the Mental health Hub at NHS24.

The Dementia Team are also re-baselining their plans following funding approval for a SAS Dementia Lead and work is ongoing to progress this.

To maintain momentum with Community Hubs and South Station Delivery meetings are now being held every six weeks with HIS. Work has been ongoing but limited for appraising potential station locations. Engagement with local community members through YMSL paramedics continues, helping the team gather some insights into local needs for the community hub concept. Following an October discussion with the DoF and PMO, it was agreed that a formal project proposal for this work would be initiated in November.

Community Planning Development will no longer proceed through the PMO resource route. Instead, it will be coordinated by the regional planning team to ensure national oversight, with support from regional Heads of Service and the work is expected to commence in November.

The Young Minds Saves Lives (YMSL) Project Team have been building upon the previous work and are now moving into the new academic year. The re-baseline milestones have been established to provide a clearer picture of the current status and in anticipation of extending the project timelines, which has already been discussed with the Project Board.

SAS attended the National Care Service Forum in October at the Glasgow Science Centre and is awaiting the session's official output to inform us of the next steps in the co-design process.

HIU guidance is under review and work is ongoing

SAS UNCRC working group meetings held as planned. Working group members have concluded update paper for the Executive Team and Board including gap analysis and the numerous current implementation workstreams which are in progress.



Communities and Place Portfolio Report – 2030 SSG

Portfolio Lead:

Dr Jim Ward

Period covered:

24 Sep to 25 Oct

Portfolio RAG



Portfolio Timeline

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Volunteer Enhancement	01/04/22	31/12/24	→	Milestones																		
				Risks (VH&H)	0																	
				Issues (H)	2																	
				Finance	N/A																	
Mental Health Strategy	01/11/22	31/12/24	↘	Milestones		<p>04/24 - Education - Continue planning and delivery of mental health education / learning.</p> <p>04/24 12/24 - ScotSTAR Updated Risk Asses and Education</p>																
				Risks (VH&H)	0																	
				Issues (H)	0																	
				Finance																		
Dementia Strategy	01/11/22	31/12/24	↘	Milestones		<p>04/24 - Pathway dev and implement of SG Unscheduled Care Matrix</p> <p>12/23 04/24 06/24 - Psychiatric Emergency Plans (PEPs)</p> <p>04/24 08/24 - Suicide - create opportunities for staff to undertake suicide intervention & prevention training</p> <p>04/24 09/24 - Psychological Trauma - Align the psychological trauma knowledge & skill framework to the Org. Develop delivery plan.</p>																
				Risks (VH&H)	0																	
				Issues (H)	2																	
				Finance																		
High Intensity Use & Vulnerable Groups	31/07/22	01/02/25	↗	Milestones		<p>12/23 09/24 12/24 - Develop Dementia Strategy for approval by Exec Team</p>																
				Risks (VH&H)	2																	
				Issues (H)	0																	
				Finance																		
Young Minds Saves Lives	20/06/23	31/07/25	→	Milestones		<p>31/03 - Scoping exercise into HIU by Care Homes alongside</p> <p>34/08 ONGOING - Collaboration with various health boards and hospitals</p> <p>01/11 - Update HIU guidance for submission to PPAG</p>																
				Risks (VH&H)	2																	
				Issues (H)	0																	
				Finance																		
Young Minds Saves Lives	20/06/23	31/07/25	→	Milestones		<p>26/06 - Ph1 & 2 delivery in pilot schools complete</p> <p>31/10 - Sustain & expand YMSL defined</p> <p>08/11 - SAS careers awareness day</p> <p>Q3 - Strat direction agreed with SAS Exec</p> <p>14/02 - Co-design for addtl schools complete</p> <p>Q4 - SAS work experience options defined</p> <p>11/07 Final eval report of addtl schools produced</p> <p>Q1 - Handover & Lessons Learned</p>																
				Risks (VH&H)	1																	
				Issues (H)	0																	
				Finance																		



Communities and Place Portfolio Report – 2030 SSG

Portfolio Lead:

Dr Jim Ward

Period covered:

24 Sep to 25 Oct

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Portfolio Timeline (continued)

Project / Activity	Start Date	End Date	Project Health		FY 24 / 25									25 / 26								
					RAG & Trend	Key Controls	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
							Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25				
Sustainability Strategy Development	01/09/22	31/03/25	TBA	Milestones		Awaiting 24/25 Delivery Plan																
				Risks (VH&H)	0																	
				Issues (H)	0																	
				Finance																		
Preparation for National Care Service	TBA	TBA	TBA	Milestones	TBA	Will commence once NCS is given SG approval																
				Risks (VH&H)	TBA																	
				Issues (H)	TBA																	
				Finance	TBA																	
Anchor Institution Development	TBA	TBA	TBA	Milestones	TBA	New Project Proposal approved at Engine Room Aug 24 Planning underway Highlight Report expected in Dec 24																
				Risks (VH&H)	TBA																	
				Issues (H)	TBA																	
				Finance	TBA																	
Community Planning Development	TBA	TBA	TBA	Milestones	TBA	To be scoped for 24/25 delivery																
				Risks (VH&H)	TBA																	
				Issues (H)	TBA																	
				Finance	TBA																	
Community Hubs and South Station Delivery	TBA	TBA	TBA	Milestones	TBA	New Project Proposal for South Station in progress																
				Risks (VH&H)	TBA																	
				Issues (H)	TBA																	
				Finance	TBA																	
UNCRC	30/12/23	31/12/24	↗	Milestones		<p>30/06 - Identify new workstreams for implementation</p> <p>30/09 - Write & publish gap analysis for Exec Team</p> <p>31/10 - Dev toolkit & process for reporting monitoring</p> <p>31/12 - Publish recommendations for BAU</p> <p>31/12 - Publish toolkit and reporting template for Exec Team</p>																
				Risks (VH&H)	0																	
				Issues (H)	0																	
				Finance	N/A																	



Portfolio Summary

Overall good progress continues to be made across all projects within the portfolio with work ongoing to progress the 2024/25 Digital & Data Delivery Plan projects/work-streams in line with the agreed milestones.

The Digital Delivery Plan workstreams are progressing in line with agreed milestones and in line with the digital annual plan.

The GRS Timecard project has commenced a full system testing of upgrade to the test system. There are no major issues with the timecard functionality within the upgrade, 2 out of the 3 issues identified have now had a fix applied, there is however some challenges that have been identified within the upgrade that relate to core GRS functionality and these will need resolved before the upgrade can be applied to the live system. It now looks unlikely that an upgrade will be achievable prior to December, meaning a late January 2025 live upgrade at the earliest. This will unfortunately push back timelines with a further re-baseline of plan required..

The Digital Workplace Project continues to work at pace. The SharePoint migration has officially finalised, document storage on the U Drive has decreased and the NAS Drive have been reduced.

The CAELUS Research study has come to a close, the end of project report and lessons learned were shared at the Portfolio Board with the project coming to an official close at the end of December.

Research and Innovation is going well. For research, studies have now been agreed from previous bids. SAS's first clinical drug trial is due to start soon across the service.

The Inphase Project data migration sign off for the first cut from Datix has been signed off as accurate and complete for Risks, Incidents and Feedback apps. Localising forms has also been ongoing across all Apps with work completed on Incident, Risk and Incident forms have been signed off with supplier to begin staff engagement before seeking final Board sign off. System Administrators have also been adding users to the system, assigning permissions and creating Organisational charts and User Groups which will be signed off as completed in the coming weeks. DPIA / SSP documents have been drafted in order to have these signed off asap. This project implementation remains on track with plan.

Work is ahead of schedule for the Wi-Fi refresh project with only one site requiring installation. The project formal end date of December 2024. The VAT recoverable is still to be confirmed and this will be confirmed for the end of project.

For use of AI in the Ambulance Control Centres, the DPIA was submitted to ICO on 29th June 2024 and a review meeting held on 25th July 2024. Further updates to DPIA are required and due to this target dates will now be updated with expected go-live data transfer date 1st November 2024 expected to slip by approx. 2 weeks.



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Preventative and Proactive Care Portfolio Report – 2030 SSG

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Portfolio Summary

Progress continues across each of the clinical workstreams within this Portfolio with extensive engagement with both internal and external stakeholders being a key feature of this work. The Pathways, End of Life Care and Drug Harm Reduction teams have developed excellent relationships with operational and regional management to support successful delivery of these workstreams in particular.

The Drug Harm Reduction team continue to focus on diversifying their workstream building on the Naloxone implementation. We are working with Scottish Government to secure ongoing funding beyond March 2025. It is worth highlighting that the impact of the near fatal overdose pathway as part of our drug harm work was included in the recent Audit Scotland report on alcohol and drug harm.

The impact of the Pathways work continues to be evidenced both through the regional teams and the Pathways Hub. The hub continues with staff engagement across all regions. There will be a virtual Pathways Conference for SAS staff during the week of 18 November with guest speakers covering a broad range of topics to support our patients.

The End of Life Care work also has a broad reach with education and training of frontline clinicians and wider external stakeholder engagement. Training and education is supported via Turas and a number of modules have been updated and uploaded. Palliative Care pathway awareness has increased with staff. The End of Life Care team won “team of the year” as part of the Scottish Health Council awards which is a significant achievement.

Our work in partnership with NHS24 and GP OOH services continues to progress, a joint review of PHS data will commence to identify opportunities for joint working and improve access.

We continue to build our Population Health workstream through improved connection with existing workstreams as well as exploring new and emerging opportunities. SAS has contributed to the consultation on the development of a Scotland wide Population Health framework. This has requested input such as priorities for action as well as thoughts on addressing the key drivers of inequalities.



Workforce and Wellbeing Portfolio Report – 2030 SSG

Portfolio Lead:

Graeme Ferguson

Period covered:

24 Sep to 25 Oct

Portfolio RAG

Portfolio Summary

The overall direction of the Portfolio Board remains broadly on target and considerable progress is being made across all the individual projects.

Following extensive consultation and discussion with the Staff Governance Committee and SAS Board, a further iteration of what is now entitled “SAS People Plan” is under development. Engagement with key internal stakeholders is progressing well with engagement sessions with wider staff groups due to take place by 21st November.

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2024-2027) was presented and approved by the Board on the 31st of July 2024. Since then, a considerable amount of work has been completed. There has been agreement to appoint a second Wellbeing lead at 0.6 FTE which will give the team significant resource to progress work.

The leadership and management training and development is progressing well, A midpoint review of the Leadership programmes is underway, including content revision. This times well with the transition to TURAS. All ALDP modules have now been submitted for approval. Additionally, several modules external to the Service have been added.

All work planned to improve rest break compliance has been completed. There has been a sustained reduction in the number of staff not getting a recorded rest break. It has been agreed to extend the work of the group to March 2025 to assess if there are any further opportunities to deliver changes. The objective and timelines have been updated to reflect this.

The Equality Monitoring Report has been published. Work is ongoing in all areas of BAU EDI work.

A Workforce Data Review Group has been established with supporting Terms of Reference agreed.

A review of Service Now implementation timescales has identified that NSS has withdrawn technical support. This impacts SAS ability to progress with the introduction of the Service Now system.

For TURAS Learn Phase Two, Meetings with content owners and department representatives have continued. The Project Board have agreed on current strategy of building Turas sites, adding existing content to Turas and prioritising new content requests while we continue to information gather on mandatory content. A paper for face-to-face learning is currently being drafted and will be submitted to the Executive Team.

