

Midlothian Integration Joint Board



Thursday 10th December, 2.00pm

Midlothian IJB Directions Update

Item number: 5.4

Executive summary

Midlothian IJB Directions were reviewed in October 2020 and reissued to the Chief Executives of Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian.

This report provides an interim review of progress on all Directions reissued in October 2020.

Board members are asked to:

- **Note the update of progress on Midlothian Integration Joint Board Directions to Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian**
- **Note the proposed change to Direction 1 Action iv**

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides an interim review of progress on all Directions reissued in October 2020.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 As a result of this report Members are being asked to:-

Note the update of progress on Midlothian Integration Joint Board Directions to Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian.

Note the proposed change to Direction 1 Action iv

3 Background and main report

- 3.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 places a duty on Integration Authorities to develop a Strategic Plan for integrated functions and budgets under their control and includes a requirement for IJBs to issue Directions to one or both of the NHS Lothian and the Midlothian Council.
- 3.2 Directions are the legal basis on which the Health Board and the Local Authority deliver services that are under the control of the IJB. Directions therefore identify key changes that need to be progressed to support the delivery of health and care services in Midlothian. They are aligned to the Strategic Commissioning Plan 2019-22.
- 3.3 Directions were approved by Midlothian IJB on 16 April 2020 and formally issued to Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian for action in May 2020. The Directions were therefore issued as both organisations were managing responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result they were reviewed by the IJB in October 2020 and reissued to the Chief Executives of Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian.
- 3.4 An interim review of progress on all Directions is reported in Appendix 1. This includes the proposed change to Direction 1 Action iv as outlined in the "Summary of Update"
- 3.5 It is noted that there is an opportunity to improve output and outcome measures for a small number of Directions. This is in hand and will compliment work in the Partnership to improve performance measures.

4 Policy Implications

- 4.1 This paper supports the strategic direction of the IJB and relates to The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (the Act) and the requirement for Directions from Integration Authorities to Health Boards and Local Authorities

5 Directions

- 5.1 This report relates to all existing Directions for 2020.

6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 There are no Equalities Implications from this report. Health and Social Care Partnership Programmes that relate to Directions and the Strategic Plan are subject to individual Equality Impact Assessments.

7 Resource Implications

- 7.1 All approved Directions have information on the financial resources that are available for carrying out the functions that are the subject of the directions, including the allocated budget and how that budget (whether this is a payment or a sum set aside and made available) is to be used.

8 Risk

- 8.1 IJBs, Health Boards and Local Authorities have a legal obligation to issue and monitor the effectiveness of Directions as described in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. Not complying will pose legislative risks and it will be more difficult for the IJB to undertake its duties related to accountability and good governance.

9 Involving people

- 9.1 Lead officers across the Health and Social Care Partnership have been engaged in providing progress updates on the directions.
- 9.2 The Strategic Planning Group discussed the progress update on Directions at its meeting on 25th November 2020. This group includes community and service user representatives.
- 9.3 Community engagement on the planning and review of services related to Directions will continue.

10 Background Papers

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Appendices: Appendix 1 Directions Tracker