

Midlothian Integration Joint Board



Thursday 16th March 2023, 14:00 – 16:00

Midlothian IJB Directions 2023-24

Item number: 5.5

Executive summary

IJBs, Health Boards and Local Authorities have a legal obligation to both issue and monitor the effectiveness of Directions as described in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. Midlothian IJB Directions for 2022-23 were issued to the Chief Executives of Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian.

Proposed Directions for 2023-24 are presented for approval (**appendix 1**) following a collaborative development and governance process. A series of workshops and development sessions with the HSCP executive team and IJB Board members took place between September 2022 and January 2023.

The Strategic Planning Group (SPG) scrutinised the first draft of the Midlothian IJB Directions 2023-24 on 26th January 2023 and recommended this draft for IJB consideration. SPG reviewed amendments and revisions on 23rd February 2023 who recommended Direction be returned to the Board for approval. to provide assurance and the Board approve to seek approval before publication on 1st April 2023.

Board members are asked to:

- Consider and approve the presented Directions for 2023-24
 - Give delegated authority to issue these Directions for 2023-24 to the Chief Executives of NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council on 31st March 2023
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1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report presents the proposed Midlothian Integration Joint Board Directions 2023-24.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 As a result of this report what are Members being asked to:-
- Consider and approve the presented Directions for 2023-24
 - Give delegated authority to issue these Directions for 2023-24 to the Chief Executives of NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council on 31st March 2023

3 Background and main report

- 3.1 IJBs have a legal duty to both issue Directions and monitor their effectiveness, as described in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.
- 3.2 Directions are how the IJB action their strategic plan to achieve their aims. Directions are also an important part of governance and accountability between the IJB, the Health Board and the Local Authority. They are the legal basis on which the Health Board and the Local Authority deliver services that are under the control of the IJB. They are also a legal record of the Health Board and the Local Authority responsibility in relation to audit, finance and decision-making.
- 3.3 In line with the IJB's ambition to reduce the number of Directions issued by the Board, a more strategic focus is taken for 2023-2. Proposed Directions for 2023-24 are presented for approval (**appendix 1**) following a collaborative development and governance process. A series of workshops and development sessions with the HSCP executive team and IJB Board members took place between September 2022 and January 2023.
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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](#), (section 26 and 26) and the requirement for Directions from Integration Authorities to Health Boards and Local Authorities.
- 4.2 [Statutory Guidance \(2020\)](#) on Directions from integration authorities to health boards and local authorities how to improve practice in the issuing and implementation of Directions issued under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

5 Directions

- 5.1 This report proposed the IJB Directions for 2023-24.

6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 There are no specific equalities implications from this report. All Directions are designed to progress the ambitions of the 6 strategic aims of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board Strategic Commissioning Plan 2022-25. An IIA has been published in relation to this plan.
- 6.2 Health and Social Care Partnership service strategy, policy, plans, provisions, practices, and activities that relate to these Directions and the Strategic Plan should be subject to a screening process to determine if an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) is required.

7 Resource Implications

- 7.1 Directions should include the financial resources available for carrying out the functions that are the subject of the Directions, including the allocated budget and how that budget is to be used, whether this is a payment, or a sum set aside and made available. Indicative funding by service area is provided in Appendix 1.

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 Community, staff and stakeholder engagement on the planning and review of services related to Directions will continue.
- 9.2 The Strategic Planning Group will review the progress towards these Directions and continually monitor the requirement to make recommendation to the Board in regards and necessary revision or addition to the IJBs Directions.

10 Background Papers

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Appendix 1: Midlothian Integration Joint Board Directions 2023-24