

# Midlothian Integration Joint Board



**10th December 2020**

## **Chief Officer Report**

**Item number: 5.2**

### **Executive summary**

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### 1 Purpose

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- 1.1 The paper sets out the key service pressures and service developments happening across Midlothian IJB over the previous month and looks ahead to the following 8 weeks.

### 2 Recommendations

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- 2.1 As a result of this report Members are asked to:
- Note the issues and updates raised in the report.

### 3 Background and main report

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#### 3.1 Covid

Midlothian HSCP continue to focus on Covid Phase 2 management and operational planning. The NHS assurance process for support of Care Homes remains in place, with a significant support infrastructure wrapped around all local Care Homes. Performance has been good, with Testing processes for staff and residents working well. The HSCP continue to push for expanded testing to cover Care at Home team, and are working with Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian to progress under Scottish Government guidance.

#### 3.2 NHSL Performance Escalation

The Lothian Recovery Programme was put on hold in late March 2020 to allow the system to focus on the emergency response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Following the first Covid-19 wave certain elements of the programme were restarted to support the remobilisation and recovery agenda, in particular, work on a national initiative to 'schedule' unscheduled care, delivering low levels of delayed discharges and maintaining access to mental health services. It is expected that a focus on performance will be maintained throughout the second wave of Covid-19.

#### 3.3 Highbank Inspection

Highbank Intermediate Care Centre received an unannounced virtual inspection from the Care Inspectorate at the beginning of November. Feedback received for the Inspector was very positive, raising inspection grade to 4 (very good). A formal report is expected soon, and will be incorporated into HSCP care governance workstreams.

### 3.4 Brexit

The UK ceased to be a member of the European Union on 31<sup>st</sup> January and have entered a negotiation transition period until 31 December 2020.

At the time of this update, negotiations are continuing, if an agreement cannot be met by 31<sup>st</sup> December, this will raise a number of challenges for Health and Social Care.

- Border disruptions have a high risk of causing delays and restrictions on the movement of medicines, medical devices and clinical consumables (MDCC). NHS Lothian has been working with procurement and pharmaceuticals to review all MDCC that could be affected and either find alternative suppliers or maintain a higher level of stock to maintain services while a new processes is implemented.
- The ending of freedom of movement for EU citizens is expected to result in a reduction of existing workforce and have ongoing repercussions for recruitment, NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council have been working with staff to assist EU settlement for existing employees and has carried out consultations with key partners (Care Homes and agencies) to ensure they are confident that they can maintain safe levels of staffing throughout this transitional period and beyond 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- Ongoing COVID Management - Midlothian HSCP has been working over the past few months to ensure that suitable levels of stock of PPE is available locally. Care Homes have been given a rolling stock of 8 weeks of staff testing kits to ensure compliance with COVID surveillance testing and this will be increased to other areas (care at home) once Scottish Government guidance becomes available on the testing programme for this service.
- A task force will be put in place to monitor and manage the delivery of services and provisions after 31<sup>st</sup> December. This work will cover health, social care and suppliers to monitor any key risk supply areas. Midlothian HSCP takes part in Strategic BREXIT groups for both NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council and this is the escalation route for any issues arising.

### 3.5 Winter preparedness

Midlothian HSCP presented its Winter plan 2020/21 to IJB in October. Since then, Scottish Government has published its Adult Social Care Winter Preparedness Plan 2020-21. This can be found at:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/adult-social-care-winter-preparedness-plan-2020-21/>

The HSCP are cross referencing this with the local 2020/21 Winter plan, and the HSCP Delayed Discharge plan to ensure all elements covered, with relevant actions in place. Monitoring of performance is through the HSCP Winter planning group.

### 3.6 Psychological Therapies

A test of change in how Psychological Therapies are delivered within Midlothian is underway, and already there is a positive reduction in the waiting times. The pilot started in August when the waiting list was at its highest, with 420 people waiting to be seen (350 of these over 18 weeks). By the end of October this had reduced to 340 waiting (250 of these over 18 weeks). Whilst there is still much to do the team is feeling very positive and once the waits have reduced appropriately there are plans as to how to better embed the work into the overall multi-disciplinary approach delivered within No 11. Current trajectories suggest that Midlothian should be at zero waits by July 2021.

## 4 Policy Implications

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- 4.1 The issues outlined in this report relate to the integration of health and social care services and the delivery of policy objectives within the IJBs Strategic Plan.

## 5 Directions

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- 5.1 The report reflects the ongoing work in support of the delivery of the current Directions issued by Midlothian IJB.

## 6 Equalities Implications

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- 6.1 There are no specific equalities issues arising from this update report.

## 7 Resource Implications

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- 7.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from this report.

## 8 Risk

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- 8.1 The key risks associated with the delivery of services and programmes of work are articulated and monitored by managers and, where appropriate, reflected in the risk register.

## 9 Involving people

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- 9.1 There continues to be ongoing engagement and involvement with key stakeholders across the Partnership to support development and delivery of services.

## 10 Background Papers

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### Appendices: