

Midlothian Integration Joint Board



Thursday 9 December 2021, 2.00pm

Midlothian Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.

Item number: 5.11

Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Board members with the Midlothian Integration Joint Board with an update on the Midlothian Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, a new £241,000 funding pot being distributed by Midlothian Third Sector Interface to local third sector organisations.

Board members are asked to:

- Note the activity undertaken

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Board members with the Midlothian Integration Joint Board with an update on the Midlothian Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 As a result of this report what are Members being asked to:-
- Note the activity undertaken

3 Background and main report

- 3.1 A new fund to support mental health and wellbeing has been launched in Midlothian today with £241,000 to be distributed to local third sector organisations and community groups through the Midlothian Third Sector Interface. Social enterprises will also be able to benefit from the Fund, which aims to promote initiatives that will benefit adults aged 16+.
- 3.2 The money will help to address the impact of social isolation and loneliness caused by the pandemic, as well as health inequalities that have been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. The funding has been provided by the Scottish Government as part of a wider £15 million programme for Covid-19 recovery and renewal.
- 3.3 In Midlothian, the Fund will be overseen by representatives from the TSI, Midlothian Health and Social Care Partnership, Midlothian Council, Health in Mind, Penumbra, CAPS Collective Advocacy and people with lived experience. There will be £241,000 across three separate grant streams consisting of micro-grants up to the value of £2000, small grants up to £10,000 and a limited number of larger grants in the region of £30,000 each. Money will also be available for capital spend on land or building projects, to compliment the small and larger grant streams.
- 3.4 As a condition of the grant we were required to draft a plan for how the funding will be spent in Midlothian. The guidance noted that 'TSIs should engage closely with HSCP Chief Officers or representatives on the plan to ensure fit with strategic plans of IJBs. The plan may be shared with integrated joint boards however given the tight timescales would not be involved in signing off of the plans.'
- 3.5 The Local Partnership Plan can be accessed here: [PLAN](#)

More information on the funding is available here: [MORE INFORMATION](#)

4 Policy Implications

- 4.1 This funding supports local priorities around mental health, as outlined in Section 4 of the plan.

5 Directions

- 5.1 This report does not impact on existing Directions.

6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 This activity will impact positively on a number of equalities organisations, by supporting them to access funding to tackle isolation.

7 Resource Implications

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

8 Risk

- 8.1 There are no risks to the IJB arising from this report.

9 Involving people

- 9.1 A key aim of the fund is to develop the involvement of people with lived experience in shaping and distributing the funding. Work is underway with partnership organisations to recruit and train people with lived experience to be members of the funding panels.

10 Background Papers

- 10.1 None.

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Appendices: