

Midlothian Integration Joint Board



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National Care Service for Scotland – Consultation Response from the Board of Midlothian IJB

Item number: 4.1

Executive summary

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Board members are asked to:

Note the content of the response

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Board members with the Midlothian Integration Joint Board response to the National Care Service for Scotland consultation.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 As a result of this report Members are asked to:-
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3 Background and main report

- 3.1 The Scottish Government commissioned Derek Feeley, a former Scottish Government Director General for Health and Social Care, to lead an Independent Review of Adult Social Care in summer 2020. The report was published in February 2021 and concluded that whilst there are strengths in the Scotland's social care system it needs radical revision.
- 3.2 The Independent Review of Adult Social Care (IRASC) report contained 53 recommendations including the creation of a National Care Service, with Scottish Ministers being accountable for adult social care and support. However, the Scottish Government subsequently reported that its ambition was to go beyond that and create a comprehensive community health and social care service for people of all ages.
- 3.3 A consultation document setting out proposals based on this ambition and the report recommendations was launched on 9th August 2021 and closed 2nd November 2021.
- 3.4 At the IJB Special Board Meeting on 9th September it was agreed that Midlothian IJB provide a response to the Scottish Government that focussed on two critical factors to integrated services:
- i. the requirement for integrated IT systems
 - ii. adequate financial resource
- 3.5 It was further agreed at the IJB Board meeting on 14th October that, in order to meet the consultation closing date, a draft response to the consultation would be circulated to Board Members for comment and agreement. The draft response was amended in the light of comments received from Board Members and a revised

version of the response was circulated to Board Members. No objections were received to this revised version being the final Midlothian IJB Board response to the National Care Service consultation.

- 3.6 The Midlothian IJB Board response to the National Care Service for Scotland consultation was submitted to the Scottish Government on 29 October and is available at Appendix 1.
- 3.7 The Scottish Government reported that the intention was for primary legislation to be in place by summer 2023 and for the National Care Service to be up and running by the end of the parliamentary term in 2026.
- 3.8 The Scottish Government response to the consultation submissions will be brought to the IJB when it is available.

4 Policy Implications

- 4.1 There will be significant policy implications should proposals for a National Care Service be progressed.

5 Directions

- 5.1 This report does not impact on existing Directions. Future impact is difficult to consider as IJBs and existing structures will be replaced if the Government proposals are adopted.

6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 The review took an equalities and human rights based approach. There is no requirement at this point for a local Inequalities Impact Assessment.

7 Resource Implications

- 7.1 There are no direct resource implications as a result of this report to the IJB.

8 Risk

- 8.1 There are no risks directly associated with this paper.

9 Involving people

- 9.1 The Midlothian IJB response to the Scottish Government consultation document was prepared following discussion with Board members at meetings on 8th September and 14th October 2021.

10 Background Papers

10.1 Information on the Scottish Government National Care Service for Scotland Consultation is available [here](#).

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Appendices: A National Care Service for Scotland – Consultation - Response from the Board of Midlothian IJB