

# Midlothian Integration Joint Board Audit and Risk Committee



**2 September 2021, 2pm**

## **Risk Register**

**Item number: 5.4**

### **Executive summary**

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The Integrated Joint Board (IJB) Audit and Risk Committee maintains a strategic risk profile which is regularly scrutinised. However, it is important that Midlothian IJB is kept informed of its key risks and the actions undertaken to manage these risks. This report contains the strategic risk profile covering Quarter 1 2021/22, 1 April 2021 – 30 June 2021.

#### **Committee members are asked to:**

1. Consider the strategic risk profile and current response to the issues, risk and opportunities.

## Risk Register

### 1 Purpose

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- 1.1 This includes the Quarter 1 2021/22, 1 April 2021 – 30 June 2021 and highlights current issues, future risks and opportunities of note to the IJB.

### 2 Recommendations

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- 2.1 As a result of this report what are Members being asked to:-
- Consider the strategic risk profile especially those issues and risks highlighted in the covering report.

### 3 Background and main report

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- 3.1 The IJB's Audit and Risk Committee regularly scrutinises the strategic risk profile and reports back to the IJB quarterly.
- 3.2 The Quarter 1 2021/22, 1 April 2021 – 30 June 2021 presents the issues, future risks and opportunities for the IJB.
- 3.3 The Quarter 4 2020/21 report is also provided to illustrate the steps taken over the period into Quarter 1, 2021/22.
- 3.4 The most significant issues and risks on the MIJB strategic risk profile during Quarter 1 are as follows:-

#### Issues

##### **Use of Acute Hospital beds**

Services to support people who have a long term condition to stay well at home continued to operate in order to support as many people as possible to avoid hospital visits. Additional reviews and redesign of Intermediate Care and Care at Home Services. The introduction of the Single Point of Access in December has had a positive impact on people delayed in hospital unnecessarily.

Representatives of Midlothian Health and Social Care Partnership continue to participate in the RIE Hospital Management Team and the unscheduled care board, along with more specific forums such as the Redesign of the Front Door and Winter Planning.

### **Care homes**

All Midlothian care homes have been migrated on to the new regional NSS testing portal in line with guidance from Scottish Government. This continues weekly PCR tests along side twice weekly lateral flow testing. Care Homes continue to be monitored through Mid HSCP and NHSL Care Home Assurance Groups.

### **COVID-19**

Business continuity plans are in place to mitigate risks for local lockdowns/outbreaks. Due to the high impact on workforce in the last quarter, plans are in progress to monitor and mitigate for a reduced workforce to ensure key services can continue to be delivered, looking forward to the pressures that winter will also bring.

The vaccination programme has been successfully delivered during the last quarter, we are now in the process of planning for a vaccination hub to include both COVID routine, booster and flu as part our ongoing vaccination programme.

### **Risk**

#### **Balancing the budget in future years**

The IJB has set a budget for 2021/22 and issued directions to its Partners. The in-year position will be monitored and reported at the October IJB and further development work is underway to revise and renew the IJB's five year financial Plan.

#### **Emerging Risk**

Following an independent review of adult social care, a Scottish Government consultation was published on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 on proposals to improve the way social care is delivered, entitled: National Care Service for Scotland: Consultation. Within the Ministerial foreword, there is reference to structures and the creation of a National Care Service. With full consideration of the consultation and acknowledgement of potential risks, this will be assessed and feature in Q2 report.

## **4 Policy Implications**

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- 4.1 There are no new policy issues raised in this paper.

## **5 Directions**

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- 5.1 This report does not require a new direction.

## **6 Equalities Implications**

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- 6.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

## 7 Resource Implications

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7.1 There are no direct resource implications associated with this report.

## 8 Risk

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8.1 The risks relevant to the business of the IJB are set out within the attached strategic risk profile.

## 9 Involving people

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9.1 The IJB meetings are held in public and IJB papers along with those of the IJB Audit and Risk committee are available on the internet. This work is supported by the IJB's Chief Internal Auditor and the partnership's risk management.

## 10 Background Papers

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10.1 None.

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### Appendices:

1. Strategic Risk Profile Quarter 1 2021/22
2. Strategic Risk Profile Quarter 4 2020/21