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By Email

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Dear Craig,

NHS Lothian – Budget Offer to Midlothian Integration Joint Board 2022/23.

Thank you for your letter of 25th February setting out the Health Board's 2022/23 allocation to the Integration Joint Board. May I apologise for the delay in replying.

I agree that NHS Lothian's indicative offer meets the criteria set down by the Scottish Government in its 22/23 budget settlement. That is a 2% uplift on the recurrent baseline (and I appreciate the issues around the Board's recurrent baseline and the recurrent budget) along with cover for the costs of the employers National Insurance increase which will come into effect in April 2022.

I note your other comments and the IJB remains committed to delivering its strategic plan within the financial resources available and, as part of its transformational work, will seek to reduce financial pressures on its partners as appropriate.

The IJB will meet on 17th March to set its budget for 22/23 and I will let you know thereafter the outcome from that meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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