

Amendment to IJB Integration Scheme

Report by Kevin Anderson, Acting Director Resources Services

1 Purpose of Report

This report seeks agreement to the proposed changes to Midlothian IJB Integration Scheme to include the new functions arising from the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

2 Background

- 2.1** Under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 there is a requirement placed on Health Boards and Local Authorities to enter into an Integration Scheme. An Integration Scheme sets out how the IJB works in practice including the scope of services delegated to it and the financial arrangements.
- 2.2** The Midlothian Integration Scheme is a legally binding document. It covers a range of matters including its aims and outcomes; governance arrangements, workforce issues and information sharing.
- 2.3** The Midlothian Integration Scheme was approved by Scottish Ministers and the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Board Establishment) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 was laid before the Scottish Parliament on 29th May 2015. This order came into force on 27th June 2015.
- 2.4** The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 laid new duties and responsibilities on Health Boards and Local Authorities including the duty to prepare Adult Carer Support Plans and Young Person's Statements. There is an expectation that these new duties should be delegated to IJBs. However for legal reasons it is necessary to formalise this delegation of duties.
- 2.5** Following discussion with NHS Lothian agreement has been reached about which duties should be delegated. These are outlined in the revised Integration Scheme on pages 57 and 67; a copy of which is available in the electronic Elected Members' Library within the Committee Management Information System (CMIS) – [click here](#).
- 2.6** The proposed changes were placed on the Council and NHS Lothian websites for a four week period of public consultation ending 12th March 2019. No comments have been received.
- 2.7** Following consideration by Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian the revised scheme will be submitted for approval by Scottish Government

3 Report Implications

3.1 Resource

There are no resource implications arising from this report. The Council have been allocated additional monies for the implementation of the Act and these are being managed through the Health and Social Care Partnership.

3.2 Risk

There are no risks arising from this report

3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- Community safety
- Adult health, care and housing
- Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- Sustainable growth
- Business transformation and Best Value
- None of the above

3.4 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

The IJB will be responsible for ensuring that targets related to the support of Unpaid Carers are met. There are a high number of hidden carers in Midlothian and the implementation of the Carers Act will enable the identification and support of more carers.

3.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach

The support of carers is critical in preventing the breakdown of family caring arrangements and resulting increased costs and pressures on public services. This is reflected in a series of legislative and policy documents dating back to 1995 with Carers (Recognition and Services) Act (1995)

3.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The changes to the Integration Scheme arise from legislation. A brief period of public consultation was undertaken through the Council website but no comments were received.

3.7 Ensuring Equalities

The Carers Act makes it more likely that carers will be identified and supported

3.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

No issues

3.9 IT Issues

No issues

4 Summary

This report seeks formal approval of the delegation of the duties arising from the Carers Act by Midlothian Council to Midlothian IJB.

5 Recommendations

Council is asked to approve the amendments to the IJB Integration Scheme. Following this, and in liaison with NHS Lothian, the revised scheme will be submitted to Scottish Government for approval.

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