

Midlothian Integration Joint Board



Thursday 8 April 2021, 2.00pm

Midlothian IJB Direction: Falls

Item number: 5.5

Executive summary

Midlothian IJB Directions were reviewed and agreed in October 2020 and continue to be operationalised. An update on progress towards each Direction was provided to the Midlothian IJB in December 2020 and an update on progress to end March 2021 and suggested revisions will be presented at the next IJB meeting - June 2021.

This report includes a proposal for an additional Direction following discussion at the IJB meeting on 11th February 2021 on the Midlothian Falls and Fracture Prevention Action Plan 2020 - 2022.

Board members are asked to:

- Approve the proposed addition of a new Direction to NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council on Falls

Midlothian IJB Direction: Falls Prevention

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides includes a proposal for an additional Direction following discussion at the IJB meeting on 11th February 2021 on the Midlothian Falls and Fracture Prevention Action Plan 2020 - 2022.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 As a result of this report Members are being asked to:-
- Approve the proposed addition of a new Direction to NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council on Falls

3 Background and main report

- 3.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 places a duty on Integration Authorities to develop a Strategic Plan for integrated functions and budgets under their control and includes a requirement for IJBs to issue Directions to one or both of the NHS Lothian and the Midlothian Council.
- 3.2 Directions are the legal basis on which the Health Board and the Local Authority deliver services that are under the control of the IJB. Directions therefore identify key changes that need to be progressed to support the delivery of health and care services in Midlothian. All Directions will be aligned to the Strategic Commissioning Plan 2022-25.
- 3.3 Directions were approved by Midlothian IJB on 16 April 2020 and formally issued to Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian for action in May 2020. The Directions were therefore issued as both organisations were managing responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result they were reviewed by the IJB in October 2020 and reissued to the Chief Executives of Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian.
- 3.4 An interim review of progress on all Directions was reported to the IJB in December 2020. A full year 2020-21 report will be presented to the IJB in June 2021.
- 3.5 A new Direction has been developed on Falls. (Appendix 1) This follows approval of the Midlothian Falls and Fracture Prevention Action Plan at the last IJB meeting (11th February 2021).

4 Policy Implications

- 4.1 This paper supports the strategic direction of the IJB and relates to The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (the Act) and the requirement for Directions from Integration Authorities to Health Boards and Local Authorities

5 Directions

- 5.1 This report asks for IJB approval of a new Direction on Falls.

6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment was carried out on the Midlothian Falls and Fractures Action Plan 2020-2022, which identified the following areas for action:
- i. The need to identify the different impacts on older people in comparison to those in middle age.
 - ii. The need to address the exclusion of individuals with higher levels of support needs in activities offered.
 - iii. The need to consult with wider client groups on inclusion such as mental health, learning disabilities and Autism, physical disability and sensory impairment.
 - iv. The need to recognise cultural and religious differences and their impact on potential engagement.

7 Resource Implications

- 7.1 Allocated budget to this Direction is £55,000. This will be reviewed alongside the monitoring of progress for each Action Plan objective.

8 Risk

- 8.1 IJBs, Health Boards and Local Authorities have a legal obligation to issue and monitor the effectiveness of Directions as described in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. Not complying will pose legislative risks and it will be more difficult for the IJB to undertake its duties related to accountability and good governance.
- 8.2 A Direction is required as the legal basis on which the Health Board and the Local Authority will deliver services that will support the implementation of the Action Plan.

9 Involving people

- 9.1 Ongoing consultation with service users groups about the impact of Covid on activity and falls will continue to inform service planning.

- 9.2 The hosting of an annual Falls Prevention event provides a suitable platform to engage, educate and consult with the public.

10 Background Papers

10.1 [Statutory Guidance - Directions from Integration Authorities to Health Boards and Local Authorities](#)

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Appendices: Appendix 1 Falls Direction