



# **Midlothian Integration Scheme (Body Corporate)**

Review of the Integration Scheme 21/22

# Purpose of the Integration Scheme, and the need to review

- The Integration Scheme is the document which outlines the **establishment, governance, scope, and operation of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board**
- Section 44 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) Scotland Act 2014 **requires** the Health Board and Midlothian Council to **carry out a review of the scheme within five years** of the approval of the original integration scheme.
- The Midlothian Integration Joint Board was **established on 27 June 2015**
- Formally undertaking a review within this timeframe has been **delayed** in the context of managing the COVID-19 pandemic
- May 2021 - Scottish Government surveyed plans to review schemes across Scotland, and **restated the need to review**
- Lothian schemes **entered review from June 2021**

# Review process in Lothian

- **In line with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) Scotland Act 2014 requirements:** (a) sections 44, 45 & 46 specify the expected review of integration schemes; and (B) with regard to integration planning principles / national health and wellbeing outcomes
- Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian **must jointly consult** on any proposed revision
- In finalising the revised scheme, the Parties **must take account of any views expressed**

# Approach to the review in Lothian, and main areas reviewed

- NHS Lothian – **4 IJB's** / schemes : **Consistency** in review approach & **some standardisation where helpful** to scheme text
- Focus on a '**Tidy Up**' of schemes; not a transformation of delegated functions, scope & operation of the IJB
- **NHSL – review 'Hosted Services'** arrangements in parallel

# Main areas reviewed in the 21/22 review:

- Refresh of the **Aims, Vision, Values, Outcomes** of the IJB in line with current strategic plan
- General refresh of **all out of date text** in the scheme -  
Operational Role of the IJB / Support for Strategic Planning / Professional Technical and Administrative support services / Performance targets & improvement measures etc.
- **Clinical and Care Governance** – largely left the same
- Extensive update to **finance section** - Financial Governance / Payments to IJB / Financial Reporting / Process for Addressing Variance / Redetermination of Payments / Redetermination of Set-aside Amounts / Use of Capital Assets / Financial Statement and External Audit etc.
- Extensive update to **Information Governance and Data Sharing section** – to reflect current protocols in place
- All revisions made **collaboratively** – subject expert input from council / NHSL / HSCP etc. as necessary
- **Legal review** of all sections (MLC and NHS CLO)

# Consultation, & Next Steps

## Consultation

- We're consulting on the **proposed text of the draft scheme**, and seeking **any comment** on the scheme generally, to further inform revision of the integration scheme.
- Consultation open from **from 16<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> of April**
- Consult via MLC route (local look and feel) – with link to consultation on NHS Lothian Website
- Evidence from other areas – straightforward consultation. May receive wider comments on integrated services

## Next steps and governance:

- **Finalise** the revised scheme post consultation
- Take through **governance** in MLC and NHSL from Mid April to June (aiming for NHSL Board June 2022)
- Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian must **jointly submit the revised scheme** to the Scottish Ministers for approval under section 7 of the Act
- A revised integration scheme takes effect upon date of approval by the Scottish Ministers
- Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian must **then publish the new scheme**