Midlothian Integration Joint Board



Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Special Midlothian Integration Joint Board	Thursday 15 September 2022	2.00pm	Virtual Meeting held using Microsoft Teams.

Present (voting members):		
Val de Souza (Chair)	Cllr Colin Cassidy (Vice Chair)	Nadin Akta
Jock Encombe	Angus McCann	Cllr Derek Milligan
Cllr Kelly Parry	Cllr Pauline Winchester	

Present (non-voting members):		
Morag Barrow (Chief Officer)	Hannah Cairns (Allied Health Professional)	Grace Chalmers (Staff side representative)
Claire Flanagan (Chief Finance Officer)	Rebecca Green (Clinical Director)	Fiona Stratton (Chief Nurse)

In attendance:		
Nick Clater (Head of Adult Services)	Grace Cowan (Head of Primary Care and Older Peoples Services)	Karen Darroch (Services Manager, Mental Health & Substance Misuse)
Elouise Johnstone (Programme Manager)	Gill Main (Integration Manager)	Cllr Willie McEwan
Cllr Stuart McKenzie	Jim Sherval (Public Health Practitioner)	Roxanne Watson (Executive Business Manager)
Andrew Henderson (Clerk)		

Apologies:	
Joan Tranent (Chief Officer Children's	
Services, Partnerships and Communities)	

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1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board, Val de Souza, expressed the board's heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Val de Souza then took the opportunity to welcome new and returning members to the Special Meeting of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board.

2. Order of Business

The order of business was confirmed as outlined in the agenda that had been previously circulated.

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Public Reports

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4.1 Chair's Update			
By way of a chairs update, Val de Souza thanked the former Chair of the MIJB, Carolyn Hirst, for her work on the board and outlined her intention to meet with all of the board members individually over the coming months.	Noted the Chairs update	All to note.	
Val de Souza highlighted that a development session would be arranged in future on the topics of Public Protection and Clinical Care and Governance. Val de Souza then made reference to the National enquiry into the handling of the pandemic and requested that documents that led to decisions being made be retained.			

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 4.2 2021/22 Audited Annual Accounts - Paper presented by Claire Flanagan, Chief Finance Officer. Claire Flanagan provided an overview of the of the audited annual accounts for 2021/22 highlighting that the accounts had been approved by the MIJB Audit and Risk committee in September acknowledging elements contained in appendix D that required following up. Claire Flanagan further highlighted a duplication in table 5 that would be removed prior to the final sign off. Reference was made to the year end position, underspends carried forward as earmarked reserves and the final reserve position. Claire Flanagan then responded to points of clarity. 	 a) Board members noted the report of the independent auditor and; b) Approved the IJB's annual accounts for 2021/22 	All to note Chief Finance Officer	
In relation to the change in budget monitoring throughout the year, Claire Flanagan acknowledged that EY had raised concerns with regard to the completeness of reporting over the previous year in relation to the Chief Finance Officer's temporary cover and confirmed that following conversations with internal and external auditors since returning from leave that she would be reverting to the previous style of budget reporting used prior to 21/22.			
With regard to EY's comments on shared services in relation to the Chief Finance Officer, Morag Barrow highlighted that she would discuss this with Val de Souza going forward.			
Reference was made to risks and mitigation and it was highlighted that with regard to workforce			

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pressures specific recognition should be given to social care and the risks caused as a result notional funding. Claire Flanagan clarified that as this was the final document, narrative changes could not be made but agreed to make specific reference in the risk section of the financial plan document.			
4.3 Finance Update: Quarter 1 2022/23 - Paper presented by Claire Flanagan, Chief Finance Officer.	 a) Noted the quarter one financial review undertaken by partners. 	All to note	
Claire Flanagan provided an overview Finance Update: Quarter 1 2022/23 report highlighting £900,000 in projected overspends and that further reports would be brought in the future. Claire Flanagan further outlined services that would continue to be supported with COVID-19 funding that would be reported to the Scottish Government as ongoing COVID-19 expenditure.	 b) Noted the COVID exit planning. c) Letter from Scottish Government regarding return of unspent COVID 19 funds to be circulated amongst board members. 	All to note Chief Finance Officer	
Claire Flanagan confirmed that a letter has been received from the Scottish Government regarding the reclaiming of MIJB unrequired COVID funds that had been allocated by Scottish Government, to cover wider national pressures. Claire Flanagan has discussed this with directors and confirmed a Q2 return will be produced, and that concerns regarding system pressures had been fed back. Claire Flanagan then agreed to circulate the letter from the Scottish Government amongst Board members.			
A discussion ensued in relation to overspend. Claire Flanagan highlighted that, given the national financial challenges at present, the MIJB continues to work with			

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NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council to ensure spending was appropriately directed and that a general reserve was in place and that the MIJB would need to continue to work with its partner organisations to ensure a continued break-even position going forward. Morag Barrow took the opportunity to highlight that overspends generally hailed from pharmaceutical costs and agency staff costs, relating to the national staff shortages.			
In response to comments regarding the Out Patient services provided at Midlothian Community Hospital, it was highlighted that several additional services had been secured including Audiology, Parkinson's and Bladder and Bowel clinics.			
 4.4 2022/23 IJB Directions – Part Year Update - Paper presented by Gill Main, Integration Manager and Elouise Johnstone, Programme Manager for Performance. Gill Main provided a brief overview of the IJB Directions – Part Year Update – Paper, highlighting that this was a high level report due to the number of Directions, and to advise the Board on the RAG status. Gill Main then took the opportunity to respond to points of clarity. 	a) Members reviewed the part year performance updates for the 2022-23 Directions reviewed in detail by the Strategic Planning Group on the 14th of September 2022;	All to note All to note	
Gill Main clarified that in relation to the RAG status, red signified a delay, amber signified underway and green was on target for the end of the year.	series of workshops in late 2022 to develop strategic Directions for 2023-24;		

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		Integration manager	
	 And noted the intention to bring a final position on the 2022-23 Directions in February 2023 for the review and modification of proposed 2023-24 Directions ahead of approval in March 2023 and publication on 1st April 2023. 	All to note	

5. Private Reports

No private reports were submitted for consideration.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meetings of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board would be held on:

- Thursday 13 October 2022 2.00pm MIJB Board
- Thursday 10 November 2022 2.00pm Development Session

(Action: All Members to Note)

The meeting terminated at 15:10