

# Midlothian Integration Joint Board



## Chief Officer Report

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### Executive summary

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### 1 Purpose

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- 1.1 The paper sets out the key service pressures and service developments happening across Midlothian IJB over the previous month and looks ahead to the following 8 weeks.

### 2 Recommendations

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- 2.1 As a result of this report Members are asked to:
- Note the issues and updates raised in the report.

### 3 Background and main report

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#### 3.1 COVID Vaccinations

As of 31<sup>st</sup> May, 54,527 residents in Midlothian have had their first COVID vaccination dose (73% adults) and 32,956 have had their second dose (44% adults). There are two vaccination centres in Midlothian – one at the Community Hospital run by the HSCP and one at Gorebridge run by NHS Lothian.

There are DNAs across all sites mostly due to delays in patients receiving appointment letters. Midlothian HSCP are proactively contacting patients to remind them of their upcoming appointment. Midlothian is within the 12-15% tolerance of DNAs with an average DNA rate of 6%. However, this is mainly due to Midlothian Community Hospital administering 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccinations.

Young people aged 18-29 are now able to register for their COVID vaccine appointment online. <https://www.nhsinform.scot/covid-19-vaccine/invitations-and-appointments/registering-for-a-coronavirus-vaccine>. Residents are now able to obtain a record of their COVID vaccination status via NHS Inform or through the NHS COVID phone line. Records are able to be printed at home or sent via post. More information is available [here](#)

Uptake for the COVID vaccine can be broken down into age cohorts. As the programme is still ongoing, it is not possible to provide percentage uptake information for cohorts beyond cohort 4. Please note the totals below are for Midlothian HSCP only:

Cohort	Total Cohort	Vaccination Numbers	Percentage uptake
Over 80s (minus Care Home residents)	3904	3715	95%
Care Home Residents	477	474	99%
75-79	3409	3240	95%
70-75	5112	4711	92%

### 3.2 Seasonal Flu Vaccinations

Last year the HSCP took on the shielding patient cohort with the majority of vaccinations administered through General Practice. The HSCP vaccinated approximately 5,000 of the 7,500 total shielding patient cohort. The HSCP also administered Care Home vaccinations to staff and residents and the 2-5 childhood flu programme.

The HSCP and Midlothian General Practices achieved the highest uptake amongst the 4 partnerships in Lothian with a 63.4% uptake in the 18-64 age cohort and a 85.3% uptake in the over 65 cohort.

As part of the 2018 GMS contract, the responsibility for vaccinations will transfer from General Practice to the HSCP on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. In addition to the cohorts traditionally vaccinated as mentioned above, other cohorts including all aged 50+, teachers and support staff, prison staff and inmates, and secondary school pupils will also be eligible for the seasonal influenza vaccination. Good local access has been identified as a key factor in this high uptake rate. The 2021 Seasonal Influenza vaccination programme is being planned by the HSCP.

Work is also progressing regarding how the seasonal flu campaign relates to a COVID booster programme. Further information will be shared with the IJB once the HSCP has further guidance.

### 3.3 Additional Funding to Support Unpaid Carers

Midlothian IJB has previously acknowledged that unpaid carers fulfil valuable roles within our communities and economy; a role that statutory services cannot replicate in terms of care provision, or budgetary availability. Unpaid carers are specifically referenced in the overarching strategic aims that the IJB agreed in March 2021.

The Independent Review of Adult Social Care, recognises carers as '*a cornerstone of social care support*'. *The report adds (that the) 'contribution they make is invaluable. Their commitment and compassion is humbling. We need to provide them with a stronger voice and with the networks, support and respite they need to continue in their vital role'*.

As previously reported to the IJB, carer support services were re-commissioned following a collaborative approach to community consultation and defining the service priorities. The contracts were awarded March 2021.

Subsequently a letter was received from the Cabinet Secretary announcing additional funding to further support the implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 that came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. The additional funding for Midlothian is £427,000 per annum.

In line with the local approach for collaborative decision making, relevant organisations and services will contribute to proposals on additional investment which are expected to include (i) enhancements to the core services recently commissioned, (ii) resource for current gaps that were not prioritised in the re-commissioned contracts and (iii) opportunities for innovation.

It is anticipated that, in line with current arrangements, the majority of services or programmes funded will be delivered by third sector organisations.

The final decision on allocation of funding will rest with the HSCP, and it is anticipated that a report will be presented to the IJB in August 2021 to provide an overview of funding allocation.

#### 3.4 Unpaid work

2020 - 2021 presented a unique challenge to Unpaid Work services due to Covid-19 Restrictions. During this year, the Unpaid Work Team internally delivered the Health and Safety in the Workplace SCQF Level 4 Qualification to 32 clients, whilst 3 clients achieved the Emergency First Aid Certificate at SCQF level 6. The Health and Safety award, where possible, will be incorporated into every new client's induction programme to help build confidence and motivation to undertake further training during their Orders. The Unpaid Work Team in partnership with the Communities Lifelong Learning Team (CLL) ran a Pilot course for 6 clients from November-December to introduce their Adult Learning programme.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, these sessions were held Online as taster sessions to courses they could offer when group work allowed. 'Digital skills' and 'An Introduction to Wellbeing' were identified by clients as courses of most interest. One client from these sessions engaged further with CLL to improve their Literacy skills. The Unpaid Work Team assisted 6 clients to apply for funding through the Individual Training Account scheme; this allowed clients to gain the Construction Skills Certificate Scheme Card (Green Labourers Card) through CLL. Three of these clients went on to obtain full-time employment in the construction Industry. A further two clients were supported into further education through Access To Industry and Skills Development Scotland as part of the other activity requirement of their order and are currently working towards awards in photography and music.

A joint funding bid through the DWP by Unpaid Work/ CLL and Newbattle Abbey College was submitted in the summer of 2021. There was a delay in the awarding of the grant and the 8 Week Partnership Course is now taking place from the 4th May 2021. Ten clients have been nominated for this course. Awards on completion of the full 8 weeks are, First Aid at Work, Health and Safety in The Work Place Level 5 (Scotland), Manual Handling, Adult Achievement Award, Employability Award and the Forest and Outdoor Learning Award (FOLA).

### 3.5 Health Visiting

Health Visiting is a universal service for families with children from birth to starting primary school. Health Visitors have critical responsibilities in supporting physical and mental health and wellbeing, screening for health and developmental problems, and in identifying any concerns about, or risks to, the wellbeing of the youngest members of our communities, including particular responsibilities around Child Protection. Their role in working with vulnerable families and in tackling health inequalities is undertaken in close collaboration with Children's Services and the voluntary sector.

Delivery of the Universal Health Visiting Pathway is currently informed by Scottish Government COVID 19 guidance which places restrictions on routine face to face contacts. Targeted face to face contact is undertaken based on the professional judgement of the Health Visitor following routine telephone contact. The Health Visiting structure includes the 0-5 years Immunisation Team which has continued to operate throughout the pandemic ensuring parents have access to the vaccinations their children should receive.

IJB Members will be aware that in recent years the level of vacancies in the Health Visiting service was a cause for concern and was placed on the HSCP Risk Register. Following concerted Pan Lothian efforts and considerable investment in training places, Health Visiting across Lothian is in a much better position. 17 newly qualified Health Visitors will complete their Masters level qualification in Specialist Community Public Health Nursing at the end of June and I am pleased to advise members that 4 of those Health Visitors will be joining the Midlothian service at the start of July.

### 3.6 Good conversations training for IJB members

Following the successful rollout of Good Conversations training across the HSCP, the training team would like to offer a session for IJB members. This would consist of a bitesize workshop, covering the key elements of this approach. This is embedded into our Midway approach to improve how we communicate in a solution focussed way, and underpins the culture and values the HSCP wish to commit to.

### 3.7 Annual report

In previous years all IJBs were required to publish an Annual Performance Report by 31 July. Due to the timing of IJB meetings and the availability of data from Public Health Scotland for inclusion in the report, it is not possible to bring a report to the June IJB meeting for approval prior to publication. The Chief Officer is requesting delegated authority from the IJB to publish the report by 31 July in line with original timelines. The report could then be considered at the August IJB meeting. The report is published online therefore any subsequent changes can be made.

The extension of the Coronavirus Scotland Act (2020) means that IJBs are able to extend the date of publication of Annual Performance Reviews through to November this year.

It is however the preference of the HSCP that this report is completed and published in line with original timeframes.

### 3.8 Strategic Plan 2022-25: IJB Workshops

Work continues to develop the Strategic Plan 2022-25 as described at previous IJB meetings. At the IJB meeting in May 2021 IJB members requested time for meaningful discussion on a small number of topic areas at a time.

In response to this a series of workshops is being planned to allow IJB and Strategic Planning Group members the opportunity to consider and discuss an early draft of the strategic aims for each section of the plan. IJB and SPG members will be provided with set information on each topic area including proposed developments, budget implications, key changes from the existing plan, challenges, risks and suggested areas for discussion.

IJB and SPG members are unlikely to be able to attend all the workshops (eight in total) but ideally there will be some IJB representation at each workshop. The workshops will take place between late September and mid October 2021. Further information will be available to IJB members by mid-June.

### 3.9 Third Sector Summit

Third and independent sector organisations play a vital and valued role in both the planning and delivery of health and social care services in Midlothian. They are key partners and represented on formal governance groups including the IJB and Strategic Planning Group. The Independent Review of Adult Social Care 2021 makes various recommendations relating to the role of third and independent sector organisations in HSCP activities, from commissioning to service delivery. Midlothian has benefited from strong connections and evidence of effective joint work to improve outcomes for local people.

Third Sector Summits were held pre-pandemic to facilitate a collaborative approach to health and social care opportunities and challenges. They created a space for the third, independent and public sectors to explore and share their knowledge, experience and aspirations with a focus on collaborative working and learning.

The first Third Sector Forum in over a year took place on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021. Over forty people attended with a broad range of organisations represented. The on-line event was hosted jointly by Midlothian Voluntary Action and the HSCP. Short presentations followed by discussion groups covering topics such as service remobilisation planning, supporting the health and wellbeing of the workforce, COVID and inequalities and an invitation for organisations to explore how they can contribute to the IJB Strategic Plan 2022-25. People were also asked to consider representation on the IJB Board, a position currently filled by the Chief Officer of Midlothian Voluntary Action. Recruitment to this position was unsuccessful earlier this year, possibly due to the pressure organisations were under while managing services delivery during the pandemic.

### 3.10 Changes to IJB Chair and Vice Chair

Following the end of her term in office, Councillor Catherine Johnston will step down from Chair of IJB in June 2021. Carolyn Hirst will take over the Chair from this point for the next two years. Following agreement at Midlothian Council in May, Councillor Derek Milligan will take up the Vice-chair position.

I would like to thank Councillor Johnston for her support and leadership over the past two years, and welcome Carolyn Hirst and Councillor Milligan into their respective new roles.

## **4 Policy Implications**

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- 4.1 The issues outlined in this report relate to the integration of health and social care services and the delivery of policy objectives within the IJBs Strategic Plan.

## **5 Directions**

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- 5.1 The report reflects the ongoing work in support of the delivery of the current Directions issued by Midlothian IJB.

## **6 Equalities Implications**

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- 6.1 There are no specific equalities issues arising from this update report.

## **7 Resource Implications**

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- 7.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from this report.

## **8 Risk**

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- 8.1 The key risks associated with the delivery of services and programmes of work are articulated and monitored by managers and, where appropriate, reflected in the risk register.

## **9 Involving people**

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- 9.1 There continues to be ongoing engagement and involvement with key stakeholders across the Partnership to support development and delivery of services.

## **10 Background Papers**

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### **Appendices:**