

Midlothian Integration Joint Board



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Midlothian IJB Directions 2022-2023

Item number: 5.7

Executive summary

This report sets out the proposed Directions to be issued by Midlothian IJB to Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian for 2022-2023.

Board members are asked to:

Discuss and provide comment on the proposed Midlothian IJB Directions for 2022-2023

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out the proposed Directions to be issued by Midlothian IJB to Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian for 2022-2023.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 As a result of this report Board Members are asked to discuss and provide comment on the proposed Midlothian IJB Directions for 2022-2023

3 Background and main report

- 3.1 In order to implement their Strategic plan IJBs must issue Directions to one or both of the NHS Lothian and the Midlothian Council as outlined in the [Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Scotland\) Act 2014](#). A direction must be given in respect of every function that has been delegated to Midlothian IJB. These functions are outlined in the [Midlothian IJB Scheme of Integration](#).
- 3.2 The Scottish Government published [Statutory Guidance on Directions](#) (2020) to help improve practice around issuing and implementing directions. These directions have been developed in line with this guidance. Directions are a legal mechanism and are intended to clarify responsibilities and requirements between the IJB, Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian.
- 3.3 This report and the attached **Appendix 1** sets out the proposed directions from the IJB to NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council for 2022-2023. These directions describe the key changes and actions that need to be delivered in 2022-2023 to achieve the key aims of the new strategic plan 2022-2025, improve the quality and sustainability of health and social care services, and support the health and wellbeing of people in Midlothian.
- 3.4 Planning leads have developed action plans to clearly identify how the strategic plans and aims will be progressed. The action plans were created with input from a wide range of partners and planning groups over the past year, as well as through feedback from SPG and the IJB. These directions have been developed based on these action plans.
- 3.5 The updated layout and format of the directions aims to ensure clear alignment with the new strategic plan 2022-2025 and to ensure clear targets and timelines, to support more effective monitoring of the delivery of the directions and ensure the IJB can meet its duty of best value.

3.6 The financial values ('budgets') have not yet been attached to these Directions as this information is not yet available. Work is ongoing to map the budget agreed in principle at the March 2022 IJB to the directions. This information will be attached to the directions once agreed.

3.7 Discussion areas

Midlothian Strategic Planning Group considered the directions at the meeting on 16th March 2022 and agreed to recommend the draft directions to the board for discussion. The IJB are asked to consider the draft directions 2022-2023 and whether

- They clearly communicate to the partners the actions required to support the implementation of the Midlothian Strategic Plan 2022-2025?
- They are clear and measurable?
- They clearly align with the Midlothian Strategic Plan 2022-2025?
- They meet the Scottish Government Statutory Guidance on Directions?

4 Policy Implications

4.1 [Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Scotland\) Act 2014.](#)

4.2 [Statutory Guidance on Directions](#)

5 Directions

5.1 The directions for 2022-2023 replace previous directions given for the same functions. This report impacts on all future directions.

6 Equalities Implications

6.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment was completed for the new Strategic Plan to consider equalities implications. Individual Integrated Impact Assessments on service change or redesign will be completed as required. As outlined in the directions document it is expected that NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council will deliver the directions whilst following the Public Sector Equality Duty.

7 Resource Implications

7.1 As outlined in the directions document it is expected that NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council will deliver the directions whilst following the duty of best value.

7.2 The Directions will have information on the financial resources that are available for carrying out the functions that are the subject of the Directions, including the allocated budget and how that budget (whether this is a payment or a sum set aside and made available) is to be used.

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

9 Involving people

- 9.1 The Directions have been created to support the implementation of the Midlothian Strategic Plan 2022-2025. The plan was developed through a range of engagement and involvement with the Midlothian community and staff within the Health & Social Care Partnership.
- 9.2 The Strategic Planning Group discussed the progress update on Directions and proposals around performance management, at its meeting on 16th March 2022. This group includes community and service user representatives.

10 Background Papers

10.1

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Appendices: Draft Directions 2022-2023