

Midlothian Integration Joint Board



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2021-22 IJB Directions - Interim Progress Report

Item number: 5.7

Executive summary

Midlothian IJB Directions for 2021-22 were issued to the Chief Executives of Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian. An interim (6-month) report on progress towards each Direction is provided in this report.

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Board members are asked to:
Review the 6-month progress against Directions

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an interim (6 month) report on progress towards each Direction.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 As a result of this report Members are asked to:-

Review the 6-month progress on Directions

3 Background and main report

- 3.1 IJBs, have a legal duty to both issue Directions and monitor their effectiveness, as described in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.
- 3.3 Directions are how the IJB action their strategic plan to achieve their aims. Directions are also an important part of governance and accountability between partners. They are the legal basis on which the Health Board and the Local Authority deliver services that are under the control of the IJB. They are also how a legal record is maintained of which body is responsible for what, and which body should be audited for what, whether in financial or decision-making terms.
- 3.4 An interim 6-month report on progress towards the 2021-22 Directions is provided in the attached **Appendix 1**. Despite the continuing challenges of the Covid Pandemic, and a range of pressures, partners have successfully progressed work across a range of areas including, for example:
- Respite
Cowan Court Respite Flat due to go live from 15th November 2021
 - Mental Health
Wellbeing Service on track to support 800 people over the year with 447 referrals in the first 6 months
 - Under 18s
0-5 years Immunisations. Vaccination data for the quarter ending June 2021 indicates that a reduction in uptake noted during the pandemic has been corrected and that uptake is increasing. Uptake for a range of vaccinations is above 95% and consistently sits above the Lothian and Scottish average.
 - Midlothian Community Hospital

Plans for Glenlee Ward to increase bed capacity for step up from community and rehabilitation have been progressed with the successful recruitment of staff and 14 beds opened

- Extra-Care Housing
Newmills Road Dalkeith site currently under construction and on schedule for estimated completion timeframe of November 2022.
- Carers
Monitoring and evaluation framework now in place designed to deliver quantitative data regarding service delivery, and qualitative data relating to outcomes for carers.

3.5 To support clear reporting of progress against the directions this interim update has been provided on a new template. As well as providing information on progress against each action this includes a rating on whether each action is in progress, or delayed, using colour coding to support this. This new template also ensures a clear link between the strategic plan and the directions.

3 Policy Implications

- 4.1 This paper supports the strategic Direction of the IJB and relates to the [Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Scotland\) Act 2014](#). (section 26 and 26) and the requirement for Directions from Integration Authorities to Health Boards and Local Authorities.
- 4.2 [Statutory Guidance \(2020\)](#) on Directions from integration authorities to health boards and local authorities how to improve practice in the issuing and implementation of Directions issued under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

4 Directions

- 5.1 This report has implications for all current and any future Directions.

5 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 There are no specific Equalities Implications from this report. Health and Social Care Partnership programmes that relate to Directions and the Strategic Plan are subject to individual Equality Impact Assessments.

6 Resource Implications

- 7.1 All approved Directions 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.

7 Risk

- 7.1 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 Involving people

- 8.1 The Strategic Planning Group discussed the progress update on Directions and proposals around performance management, at its meeting on 17th November 2021. This group includes community and service user representatives.
- 8.2 Community, staff and stakeholder engagement on the planning and review of services related to Directions will continue.

9 Background Papers

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Directions 6-month update 2021/2022