

Midlothian Integration Joint Board



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IJB Directions Annual Report 2021-22

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Executive summary

IJBs, Health Boards and Local Authorities have a legal obligation to both issue and monitor the effectiveness of Directions as described in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

The accompanying report provides the full year updates on Directions for 2021-22.

Board members are asked to:

- **Review the full year report on Directions 2021-22**
- **Consider the approach to performance management of Directions**

Report

IJB Directions Annual Report 2021-22

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides the full year report on Directions 2021-22.
This report asks the IJB to consider the approach to performance management of Directions.

2 Recommendations

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

**Review the full year report on Directions 2021-22
Consider the approach to performance management of Directions**

3 Background and main report

- 3.1 IJBs, Health Boards and Local Authorities have a legal obligation to both issue and monitor the effectiveness of Directions as described in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014
- 3.2 Directions are the mechanism by which Integration Authorities action their strategic commissioning plans and are the legal basis on which the Health Board and the Local Authority deliver services that are under the control of the IJB. A Direction must be given in respect of every function that has been delegated to the IJB. Directions are also the means by which a record is maintained of which body decided what and with what advice, which body is responsible for what, and which body should be audited for what, whether in financial or decision-making terms.
- 3.3 In January 2020 The Scottish Government published new guidance to support IJBs in effective issuing and implementation of Directions (Statutory Guidance: Directions from integration authorities to health boards and local authorities). This recognised the need to issue Directions on a rolling basis throughout the year, as IJBs should continue to review progress towards the aims of the Strategic Commissioning Plans, consider ongoing redesign, investment and disinvestment throughout the year, amending existing Directions or issuing new Directions accordingly.
- 3.4 An update on progress towards each Direction was provided to Midlothian IJB in December 2021. The full year update on Directions is outlined in the attached Appendix 1 Directions Annual Report 2021-22 with each Direction categorised by progress status.

- 3.7 The HSCP has reviewed the process to review Directions regularly within existing reporting structures. Clarification is requested from the Board on how frequently the Board requires reports on progress against Directions in order to support the effective delivery of the IJBs aims and objectives as outlined in the Strategic Commissioning Plan for 2022-25.

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](#) Directions from integration authorities to health boards and local authorities New statutory guidance was produced in 2020 on 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

- 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

8 Involving people

- a. The Strategic Planning Group discussed this annual report on Directions 2021-22 and proposals around performance management, at its meeting on 25th May 2022. This group includes community and service user representatives.
- b. Community engagement on the planning and review of services related to Directions will continue.

9 Background Papers

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Directions Annual Report 2021-22