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Dear Colleagues,

MIDLOTHIAN IJB – INDICATIVE BUDGET FOR 2024/25

Further to NHS Lothian's Finance and Resources (F&R) Committee on February 14th, I write to update you on the position relating to Midlothian IJB in 2024/25.

We have yet to conclude our financial planning process, and we will look to take a final iteration of the Plan through our F&R Committee on the 27th of March, with final sign off at our Board meeting on the 24th April. The figures shared with you at this stage are therefore indicative until the final plan has been agreed.

Further to the Scottish Government Budget announcement on 19th December 2023, 4.3% uplift for Health Boards in 2024/25 was set out. However, this is not new resource rather a reinstatement of resource received in 2023/24.

The Scottish Government have also set out that further funding support will be made available to Boards for any pay awards made for 2024/25. As in previous years, we will pass through the share of this settlement to each IJB, based on budget shares.

The IJB mapping table used to collate the delegated IJB budget, and the consequential share of costs has been through a routine review and update following external audit recommendations in 2023 and at the request of Chief Finance Officers (CFOs). This updated mapping table has been used to review the latest financial plan position by IJB.

The Plan shared at the February Committee recognised a budget of £94,342k for Midlothian IJB. This budget figure includes GMS elements which are non recurring in nature and other additional non recurring budget adjustments with Table 1 showing the breakdown.

Table 1: Budget for Midlothian IJB 24/25

	Status	Allocation	Midlothian IJB £'000
Baseline Budget	Delegated	Core	52,576
		Hosted	12,292
	Set Aside		16,434
			81,302
Total		GMS	13,040
			94,342
Additional other budget adjustments			564
Total Budget			94,906

The final review of the NHS Lothian Financial Plan will conclude shortly, a further update on 2024/25 budgets will be provided to you at this time. We will also update you on any changes to your budget offer as a result of the 2024/25 pay agreement.

I am keen to understand from Midlothian IJB as early as possible how its Directions will shape the delivery of financial recovery savings in 2024/25 and the application of resources in support of financial balance.

I would be happy to have further discussion with your IJB in advance of the final confirmation on the application of health resources in 2024/25.

Yours sincerely



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