

By Email Only

Letter to Chief Officer & Chief Finance
Officer of Midlothian IJB

Date 4 March 2021

Your Ref

Our Ref

Enquiries to Craig Marriott

Extension 35543

Direct Line 0131 465 5543

Email Craig.Marriott@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

Dear Colleagues,

MIDLOTHIAN IJB – INDICATIVE UPLIFT FOR 2021/22

Further to NHS Lothian's Finance and Resources (F&R) Committee on January 20th, I write to update you on the position relating to uplift to be allocated to Midlothian IJB by NHS Lothian in 2021/22.

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 10th of March, with final sign off at our Board meeting on the 7th April.

In total, and based on the indicative allocation communicated to Boards on the 28th of January from the Scottish Government (which remains subject to confirmation), NHS Lothian will receive an uplift allocation of 1.5% against baseline for 2021/22, equating to £23.1m.

For Midlothian IJB, the current (January) iteration of the Plan recognises a baseline recurrent budget (excluding GMS) of £76,877k. On this value, a 1.5% uplift equates to £1,153k and it is intended that this uplift will be allocated to the IJB in full.

At this stage, the Plan for Midlothian IJB shows the following additional resource requirements:

Pay Uplift	£1,073k
Remaining Uplift	£ 80k
Total of above	£1,153k

The final review of the NHS Lothian Financial Plan will conclude shortly, and further updates will be incorporated in the final iteration in terms of any agreed changes to the IJB mapping table for 2021/22 (where these are agreed with CFOs), additional savings and

efficiencies identified and any further additional resources allocated. A final confirmatory update on 2021/22 budgets will be provided to you at this time.

Given that our financial planning indicates that the level of uplift is insufficient to meet all cost pressures in the system, I am keen to understand from Midlothian IJB as early as possible how its Directions will shape the delivery of efficiency savings in 2021/22 and the application of resources in support of financial balance. The Plan assumes that the balance remaining on health uplift will be retained to be prioritised against health service pressures.

I would be happy to have further discussion with your IJB in advance of the final confirmation on the application of health resources in 2021/22.

Yours sincerely

CRAIG MARRIOTT
Deputy Director of Finance