

Minute of Special Meeting

Midlothian Integration Joint Board
Thursday 27 August 2020
Item No 4.2



Midlothian Integration Joint Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday 12 th March 2020	2.00pm	Conference Room, Melville Housing, The Corn Exchange, 200 High Street, Dalkeith, EH22 1AZ.

Present (voting members):

Cllr Catherine Johnstone (Chair)	Carolyn Hirst (Vice Chair)
Cllr Derek Milligan	Tricia Donald
	Alex Joyce
	Angus McCann

Present (non-voting members):

Morag Barrow (Chief Officer)	Claire Flanagan (Chief Finance Officer)
Caroline Myles (Chief Nurse)	Fiona Huffer (Head of Dietetics)
Wanda Fairgrieve (Staff side representative)	Keith Chapman (User/Carer)
Ewan Aitken (Third Sector)	

In attendance:

Craig Marriott (Depute Director of Finance, NHS Lothian)	Gary Fairley (Chief Officer Corporate Solutions, Midlothian Council)
Grace Cowan (Head of Primary Care and Older Peoples Services)	Mairi Simpson (Integration Manager)
Lianne Swadel (Programme Manager)	Jordan Miller (NHS Lothian)
Mike Broadway (Clerk)	

Apologies:

Cllr Jim Muirhead	Cllr Pauline Winchester
Alison White (Chief Social Work Officer)	Hamish Reid (GP/Clinical Director)
Johanne Simpson (Medical Practitioner)	James Hill (Staff side representative)

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1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair, Catherine Johnstone, welcomed everyone to this Special Meeting of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board, following which there was a round of introductions.

2. Order of Business

The order of business was confirmed as outlined in the agenda that had been previously circulated.

The Board endorsed the Chair's decision to accept as urgent, due to the Board's interest in the matter, an additional item of business - 4.4 Update on Covid19 (Coronavirus) and Midlothian Resilience Planning – which would be dealt with as the first item of public business

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4. Public Reports

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
4.4	Update on Covid19 (Coronavirus) and Midlothian Resilience Planning	Morag Barrow
Executive Summary of Report		
Chief Officer, Morag Barrow, provided the Board with an update on Covid-19 (Coronavirus) and Midlothian resilience planning. She outlined the steps that were being taken both locally and nationally in response to, and planning for, the spread of coronavirus, which was beginning to gather pace. Whilst a key focus would be the Primary Care response and Acute Service provision, services for the vulnerable also required to be able to cope. In this regards, Midlothian already enjoyed good engagement with both the voluntary sector and many other partner organisations and was also making good use of new technology, albeit it may require that use would require to be accelerated.		
Summary of discussion		
The Board, in considering the present situation, discussed the ability of current services to cope with fewer staff numbers and much greater demand, particularly in certain key area. Whilst this was clearly a matter for some concern, the ongoing resilience planning that was underway sought to address these pressures in a measured way and mitigate the impacts as far as that was possible.		
Decision		
The Board, after further discussion and question to Officers, noted the current position and actions being taken.		
Action		
Chief Officer		

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Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
4.1	Financial Update – Budget Offers from Partners	Claire Flanagan
Executive Summary of Report		
<p>The purpose of this report was to provide the Board with confirmation of the formal Midlothian Council budget offer to the MIJB and an update on the current indicative proposed budget offer and principles for 2020/21 from NHS Lothian. Further to this the report provided an update on the financial challenges facing the MIJB and the ongoing transformation work to support delivery of savings in the coming financial year 2020/21.</p>		
Summary of discussion		
<p>The Board heard initially from Craig Marriott, Deputy Director of Finance, NHS Lothian and Gary Fairley, Chief Officer Corporate Solutions, Midlothian Council, regarding the budget positions of their respective organisations, with both seeking to emphasise that the budget offers should be considered in the context of the challenging financial climate facing both partners, forecasted expenditure and the resulting financial gap.</p> <p>The Board, then heard from Chief Finance Officer, Claire Flanagan, who in acknowledging the challenging financial landscape in which the partners and indeed the MIJB were operating and the importance of the ongoing transformation work within the HSCP to drive out the saving required to balance the budget, sought to address the “fair and adequacy” measure used by the Board when considering the partners’ budgetary offers.</p> <p>The Board in considering the welcome support offered by its partners debated whether more pressure need to put on central government to secure a better funding deal for health and social care integration generally.</p>		
Decision		
<p>After further discussion and questions to the Officers, the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed and accepted the formal Midlothian Council budget offer for 2020/21; • Agreed the principles of the indicative budget from NHS Lothian based on an iteration of their Financial Plan reported to their Finance & Resources Committee in January 2020 and recent correspondence; and • Noted the transformation work to deliver savings. 		
Action		
Chief Finance Officer/Chief Officer		

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
4.2	Midlothian IJB Directions 2020	Mairi Simpson

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Executive Summary of Report

The purpose of this report was to set out for the Board consideration the draft Directions which it was proposed to issue to Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian for 2020.

The draft Directions set out the proposed areas of focus to be addressed over the coming year and identified the key changes that needed to be progressed to support the delivery of health and care services in Midlothian. The Directions were aligned to the Strategic Commissioning Plan 2019-22 and would be supported by a local Delivery Plan for 2020-21.

Summary of discussion

The Board, heard from Mairi Simpson (Integration Manager), who explained that the draft Directions had been informed by the Strategic Planning Group who had held a workshop on 8th January 2020 to review the existing Directions and who had propose three new Directions, as follows:

- Direction 21: Allied Health Professionals
- Direction 22: Digital Development
- Direction 23: Health and Social Care Partnership Maturity.

Once the new Directions had been issued it would be important to discuss them with the service areas implicated. The Direction on Digital Development was of particular interest as whilst eHealth and Digital Services were not delegated functions per se, they were core services described in the Midlothian Integration Scheme (section 5.3).

Additionally, given the current budget position the Direction concerning finance was still being developed. Other areas that the Board might wish to consider Directions for included Housing, demographic pressures and patient transport. Ultimately it was hoped to move to a rolling approach to the issue of Directions, which would then be reviewed twice yearly.

The Board, in discussing the draft Directions, felt that given the links between health and homelessness/housing that a single Direction covering this area might be beneficial, if the right form of words could be found. Otherwise, the proposed new Direction covering Digital Technology was seen as a welcome addition, and the Direction on Finance was awaited with interest.

Decision

The Board, after further discussion and questions to Officers, agreed:

- **To note the draft Midlothian IJB Directions for 2020; and**
- **To note plans to seeking formal approval of the Directions at the April 2020 Board meeting.**

Action

Integration Manager/Chief Officer

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
4.3	Proposed Use of Vacated Glenlee Ward at Midlothian Community Hospital	Lianne Swadel

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Executive Summary of Report

With reference to paragraph 5.4 of the Minutes of 10 October 2019, there was submitted a report the purpose of which was to advise the Board that with the repatriation of the (East Lothian) patients from Midlothian Community Hospital Glenlee and Rossbank wards, there was now an opportunity where there were 16 beds available for alternative use in Glenlee Ward..

The report noted that Midlothian and East Lothian Integration Joint Boards both had Directions 2019/20 to repatriate patients belonging to East Lothian who had in recent years accessed Midlothian Community Hospital - specifically wards Rossbank and Glenlee and explored in detail the two options being considered for this alternative use:

- Step up / step down facility
- Chemotherapy/infusions beds

Summary of discussion

The Board, having heard from Lianne Swadel (Programme Manager), considered the two options concluding that both merited support.

Decision

After further discussion and question to Officers, the Board

- **Noted the options for the proposed use of Glenlee Ward at Midlothian Community Hospital.**
- **Agreed that based on the information presented, including costings, usage and demand, to support the preferred option of step up/step down facility.**
- **Noted that the chemotherapy option would be reconsidered when additional space within Midlothian Community Hospital became available spring/summer 2021.**
- **Agree to the Health & Social Care Partnership identifying options for financing the change.**

Action

Chief Officer/Chief Finance Officer

5. Private Reports

No private business to be discussed at this meeting.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meetings of the Midlothian Integration Joint Board would be held on:

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| • Thursday 9 th April 2020 | 2pm | Midlothian Integration Joint Board |
| • Thursday 14 th May 2020 | 2pm | Development Workshop |

(Action: All Members to Note)

The meeting terminated at 3.35 pm.