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Audit Scotland Reports on Integration

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Executive summary

This report brings to the attention of the Committee two recent reports by Audit Scotland on the progress with integration - *Health and Social Care Integration –An Update on Progress* and *NHS in Scotland 2018*

Committee members are asked to:

- 1. Note the publication of two Audit Scotland Reports on Integration*
- 2. Note the proposal to prepare a report for a future IJB meeting on how the Midlothian Partnership is performing in relation to the key recommendations of these reports*

Audit Scotland Reports on Integration

1. Purpose

This report summarises the findings of two Audit Scotland reports regarding progress with health and social care integration .

2. Recommendations

Committee members are asked to

- 1 Note the publication of two Audit Scotland Reports on Integration
- 2 Approve the proposal to report to a future meeting of the IJB any lessons and actions required in Midlothian as a result of these reports

3. Background and main report

Health and Social Care Integration –An Update on Progress

- 3.1 This report was prepared by Audit Scotland and published on 15th November 2018 [/health-and-social-care-integration-update-on-progress](#)
- 3.2 Key Messages: The report highlights that a stronger commitment is needed to collaborative working to achieve the long-term benefits of integration. It goes on to say that change will not happen without meaningful engagement with staff, communities and politicians. The report is also critical of financial planning arrangements being neither integrated nor long-term.
- 3.3 In summarising the key features that must be addressed if integration is to make a meaningful difference to the people of Scotland, the report notes the following:
 - Collaborative leadership and building relationships
 - Integrated finances and financial planning
 - Effective strategic planning for improvement
 - Agreed governance and accountability arrangements
 - Ability and willingness to share information
 - Meaningful and sustained engagement
- 3.4 A development session was held with NHS Lothian senior executive colleagues, IJB Chief Officers, chairs and vice chairs and Council Chief Executives within the Lothian area on 4 December to discuss the report in more detail and a verbal update on the output from this meeting will be shared with the Committee.

NHS in Scotland 2018

- 3.5 This report was prepared by Audit Scotland and was published in October 2018 [nhs-in-scotland-2018](#)
- 3.6 Key Messages: The report concludes that NHS urgently needs to change by moving away from "short-term fire-fighting" to "long-term fundamental change" and goes on to say that in the longer term the NHS is not in a financially sustainable position.

4 Policy Implications

- 4.1 The Audit Scotland reports are both focussed upon the issues surrounding the implementation of the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014

5 Equalities Implications

- 5.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report

6 Resource Implications

- 6.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

7 Risks

- 7.1 The implementation of the integration of health and social care is a complex agenda and it is important to learn the lessons from national reviews.

8 Involving People

- 8.1 This report summarises the findings of Audit Scotland Reports and as such there has been no requirement to involve people although the findings of these reports were included in a recent development session for IJB members.

9 Background Papers

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