

# Midlothian Integration Joint Board



**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024, 14:00-16:00**

## **Midlothian Integration Joint Board (IJB) Draft Strategic Plan 2025-35 for Consultation**

**Item number: 5.4**

### **Executive summary**

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1. Integration Authorities must develop strategic proposals and ask the Strategic Planning Group to consult and develop these in the development of a first draft of the Strategic Plan.
2. Integration Authorities must then seek the views of the Strategic Planning Group on the draft, taking into consideration the views in response to the consultation on the first draft.
3. Integration Authorities are then required to prepare a second draft of the strategic plan and send a copy of it for comment to the local authority and the health board, as well as representatives of groups prescribed by Scottish Government and any other persons as the integration authority considers appropriate.

#### **Members are asked to:**

- Review the draft Strategic Plan 2025-35 proposed for public consultation.
  - Approve this draft for public consultation subject to any amendments required.
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### 1 Purpose

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- 1.1 This report sets out the actions and progress to date in relation to the development of Midlothian Integration Joint Boards new Strategic Plan for 2025-35 and presents a draft plan (appendix 1) for Board approval to commence public consultation in line with the [Strategic Plan Statutory Guidance](#).

### 2 Recommendations

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- 2.1 As a result of this report, Members are asked to;
- Review the draft Strategic Plan 2025-35 proposed for public consultation
  - Approve this draft for public consultation subject to any amendments required

### 3 Background and main report

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- 3.1 The [Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Scotland\) Act, 2014](#) places a duty on Integration Authorities to plan and direct delegated health and social services through the development of a Strategic Plan. Stakeholders must be fully engaged in the preparation, publication, and review of the plan, in order to establish a meaningful co-productive approach.
- 3.2 The key stages of the process are;
- Integration Authorities must develop strategic proposals and ask the Strategic Planning Group to consult and develop these in the development of a first draft of the Strategic Plan.
  - Integration Authorities must then seek the views of the Strategic Planning Group on the draft, taking into consideration the views in response to the consultation on the first draft.
  - Integration Authorities are then required to prepare a second draft of the strategic plan and send a copy of it for comment to the local authority and the health board, as well as representatives of groups prescribed by Scottish Government and any other persons as the integration authority considers appropriate.

- 3.3 Integration Authorities are required to deliver progress towards the 9 National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes, and achieve the core aims of integration to;
- improve quality and consistency of services for people who experience services, their family and carers,
  - provide seamless, integrated, quality health and social care services for people in their homes, or in a homely setting, and
  - ensure resources are used effectively and efficiently to deliver services that meet the needs of people with long term conditions and often complex needs.
- 3.4 Following receiving the support of the Board, officers of Midlothian HSCP established a project team in August 2023 to oversee the process of developing a new Midlothian IJB Strategic Commissioning Plan.
- 3.5 Between September and November 2023, a first stage consultation was undertaken to review and feedback on the current Strategic Commissioning Plan 2022-2025 and explore the hopes and ambitions of people and communities, delegated services, partner organisations and Third and Independent Sector partners. Over 150 individuals, services, and organisations took part, and a thematic analysis was completed to highlight key recurring themes.
- On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024, the Midlothian HSPC Planning and Performance Teams led a Midlothian IJB Development Session to establish the strategic proposals for 2025-35 approved by Midlothian IJB on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
- 3.6 A first draft was developed over February and March 2024 with an Assessment of Place and Wellbeing conducted by Public Health Scotland and The Improvement Service. The first draft was reviewed by SPG on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and revised in response to feedback. Following a Midlothian IJB Development Session on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024, significant revision was undertaken to produce a second draft of the plan. This was reviewed in July 2024 by the Vice Chair of Midlothian IJB and officers of the HSCP resulting in further edit and amendment made in response to feedback.
- 3.7 The Board is now requested to review the draft Strategic Plan 2025-35 proposed for public consultation and approve for public consultation, subject to any amendments required.

## 4 Policy Implications

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- 4.1 There are no implications for policy as a direct result of this report. However, the new Strategic Plan 2025-35 will influence all future service delivery, redesign, and commissioning.

## 5 Directions

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- 5.1 There are no implications for Directions as a direct result of this report.
- 5.2 However, the development of a new Strategic Plan will involve the alignment of strategic financial and workforce plan, and inevitably impact on the Directions issued by Midlothian IJB to both NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council in the future.
- 5.3 Directions issued to NHS Lothian and Midlothian Council in 2025-26 will align with the Strategic Plan 2025-35.

## 6 Equalities Implications

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- 6.1 There are no implications for people with protected characteristics as a direct result of this report.
- 6.2 An Equality and Children's Rights impact Assessment (ECRIA) will be undertaken on this draft Strategic Plan by the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) to inform and changes to the plan across the consultation period. This impact assessment will be presented to the Board in due course.
- 6.3 Undertaking an ECRIA is a statutory duty and a vital component in Midlothian IJBs work to ensure that equality can be advanced through the identification of any unintended consequences for people with protected characteristics.

## 7 Resource Implications

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- 7.1 There are no implications for Best Value as a direct result of this report.
- 7.2 The Integration Manager and Chief Finance Officer are working together to develop a Best Value Framework in line with [Statutory Guidance](#), the [Local Government in Scotland Act 2003](#) and the [Public Finance and Accountability \(Scotland\) Act 2000](#).

## 8 Risk

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- 8.1 Not approving the Strategic Plan 2025-35 for consultation risks the inability to meet the required legislative duties in relation to the development of this plan within the required timeline of a refreshed plan every 3 years. With limited opportunities for Board review, and a timetable of Board and Committee meetings set over a year in advance, any delay is likely to cause significant additional delay to the overall process.

## 9 Involving people

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- 9.1 Board members, officers of the HSPC, services, partner organisations, and people and communities have been involved in the process to establish this draft Strategic Plan 2025-35. Ongoing engagement and consultation will continue and inform the development of the final version of this plan before publication anticipated in April 2025.

## 10 Background Papers

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- 10.1 None

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### Appendices:

**Appendix 1:** 2024 08 22\_MIJB\_Strategic Plan 2025-35\_Appendix 1