

West Lothian Shadow Integration Joint Board

Date: 2 June 2015

Agenda Item: **10**

JIT READINESS FOR INTEGRATION TOOL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR

A PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to make members aware of a new self-evaluation tool produced by the Joint Improvement Team for IJBs to highlight actions needed to meet the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

B RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to

1. note the JIT Readiness for Integration Tool
2. consider how it might be used in West Lothian.

C TERMS OF REPORT

The Joint Improvement Team (JIT) is a strategic improvement partnership between the Scottish Government, NHSScotland, COSLA (Convention of Scottish Local Authorities) and the Third, Independent and Housing Sectors.

It provides a range of practical improvement support and challenge including knowledge exchange, developmental innovation and improvement capacity and direct practical support to local health, housing and social care partnerships across Scotland.

Self-evaluation is widely undertaken across public services already. It allows organisations to discern clearly their strengths and the areas in which improvements can be made, culminating in planned improvement actions which are then monitored for progress.

The Readiness for Integration Tool (see appendix) covers key themes that partnerships have previously and continue to identify as important, for successful integration, which are supported in recent literature

- Outcomes
- Leadership
- Decision Making
- Structure
- Engagement
- Communication
- Roles
- Behaviours
- Skills, Knowledge and Capability
- Resources – Money
- Resources – Information
- Resources – Time
- Improvement and Scrutiny

The tool may be used as part of a self-evaluation programme, or as a stand-alone assessment. Some health and social care partnerships may choose to use specific sections to supplement their current self-evaluation programme, or where particular areas of development may be considered.

It is for health and social care partnerships to decide how to use this tool to best effect. This will include what sections to use, who to involve, how regularly, and how the findings are reported and utilised for your own improvement agenda.

D CONSULTATION

None.

E REFERENCES/BACKGROUND

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

F APPENDICES

The Readiness for Integration Tool can be accessed by clicking on

<http://www.jitscotland.org.uk/resource/jit-readiness-integration-tool/>

G SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

Equality/Health

The report has been assessed as having little or no relevance with regard to equality or the Public Sector Equality Duty. As a result, equality impact assessment has not been conducted.

National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes	None.
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Strategic Plan Outcomes	None.
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Single Outcome Agreement	None
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Impact on other Lothian IJBs	None
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Resource/finance	None.
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Policy/Legal	None.
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Risk	None.
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