

## **WEST LOTHIAN STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP**

Date: 8 October 2015

Agenda Item: **4**

### **INTEGRATION OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE IN WEST LOTHIAN**

#### **REPORT BY DIRECTOR**

##### **A PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide background information for members of the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) about the integration of health and social care in West Lothian and to assist an understanding of the context in which the SPG is to work.

##### **B RECOMMENDATION**

To note the current position in relation to the integration of health and social care in West Lothian, and the terms of the Integration Scheme in Appendix 1.

##### **C TERMS OF REPORT**

The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (the Act) requires councils and health boards to cooperate in the integration of health and social care services. An Integration Scheme is to be developed and submitted for approval by Scottish Ministers. The contents of the Integration Scheme are set out in the Act and statutory regulations, with some room for local variations and preferences in relation to the detail around those prescribed contents.

The Act requires certain statutory functions to be integrated (adult services) and allows the optional integration of other functions (children's services and criminal justice). Responsibility for those integrated functions is delegated to the IJB, and the IJB instructs council and health board how to deliver the services concerned and with what resources.

The IJB is to develop through its SPG a Strategic Plan for delivery of the integrated functions and associated services. The Strategic Plan is to inform the calculation of the sums to be paid by council and health board to the IJB for the performance of the integrated functions as well as an annual financial statement in which the IJB sets out the resources it proposes to use to deliver the outcomes contained in the Strategic Plan. The IJB is to report annually on its performance, in terms of both finance and service delivery.

The Integration Scheme for the West Lothian area was developed through the prescribed process and submitted for approval in March 2015. The Scheme has been approved by the Ministers and the necessary steps have been taken by them in the Scottish Parliament to have the West Lothian IJB formally established as a separate and distinct body to carry out the statutory functions to be delegated to it. A copy of the approved Scheme is in Appendix 1 for information.

The Scheme provides for the integration of adult and older people's services only. There is also provision made for certain hosted services which are to be managed by the Director through the IJB process. The Director is the Head of an integrated or joint management team between council and health board, and reports to the Chief Executive of each body as well as being responsible for delivery of services in accordance with IJB Directions and the Strategic Plan.

The IJB will be constituted in September 2015 and the first formal meeting of the IJB will be on 20 October 2015. This follows meetings held as a Shadow Board to carry out preparatory work needed to help the IJB operate and deliver from the start of its life. Many things which have been considered by and approved in principle by the Shadow Board will require to be submitted to the IJB itself for formal approval and adoption.

Until 1 April 2016 the IJB will have as its main task the preparation and finalisation of the Strategic Plan and the financial statement which must accompany it. After that date, money will be paid to it by council and health board and it will assume responsibility for the delivery of the integrated functions and related services.

## **D CONSULTATION**

1. Relevant council and health board officers
2. Shadow IJB

## **E REFERENCES/BACKGROUND**

1. Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, and related statutory instruments and guidance

## **F APPENDICES**

1. West Lothian Integration Scheme

## **G SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Equality/Health</b>	The report has been assessed as having little or no relevance with regard to equality or the Public Sector Equality Duty. As a result, an equality impact assessment has not been conducted
<b>National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes</b>	The IJB and the Integration Scheme require to have regard to all National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes
<b>Strategic Plan Outcomes</b>	The IJB will require to have regard to all Strategic Plan outcomes
<b>Single Outcome Agreement</b>	As a community planning partner, the IJB will require to contribute to the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement outcomes related to health and care
<b>Impact on other Lothian IJBs</b>	None

**Resource/finance**

None

**Policy/Legal**

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014  
and statutory regulations and guidance

**Risk**

None

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