

9. NHS Lothian Internal Audit Reports

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Internal Auditor providing details of NHS Lothian's internal audit reports on the IJB performance management framework and IJB financial assurance.

The report recalled that in February 2016 the NHS Lothian internal audit team issued a report entitled "Integration Joint Boards Performance Management Framework" and in April 2016 they issued a report entitled "IJB Financial Assurance". The Committee noted that these reports solely related to the internal audit of NHS Lothian systems and processes. As these reports were issued by NHS Lothian internal audit for the NHS Lothian Health Board, West Lothian IJB could not place formal reliance on them. However, it was recognised that they might be of interest to the Committee and were presented for information.

During the course of the discussion the question was raised about the processes that were in place to allow reports and supplementary information to be shared between NHS Lothian, West Lothian Council and the IJB to ensure that information was indeed being shared. The IJB Internal Auditor undertook to liaise with NHS Lothian to discuss the systems that were in place to report to the IJB.

The Committee was asked to note the findings of NHS Lothian's internal audit work and associated action plan.

Decision

1. To note the recommendation within the report; and
2. To agree that the IJB Internal Auditor would liaise with NHS Lothian to discuss the reporting systems in place.