

4. THE LOTHIAN HOSPITALS PLAN

The Strategic Planning Group considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Colin Briggs, Associate Director, NHS Lothian which concerned the Lothian Hospitals Plan covering adult services only.

The group were advised that the report was a high level document that was the starting point for discussion around the future direction of the four acute hospitals in Lothian. These being :-

- Royal Edinburgh Hospital
- St John's Hospital
- Western General Hospital
- Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

The Lothian Hospital Plan had been constructed around the sites identified in the clinical strategy "*Our Health, Our Care, Our Future*" (OHOCOF), which had been agreed by NHS Lothian in 2014. Three broad themes had also been identified these being, medical specialities, elective specialities and cancer services.

The report also summarised a number of key points including :-

- ❖ The urgent work undertaken on specific projects;
- ❖ The vision developed by the University Hospitals sessions;
- ❖ The work of the 5 programme boards;
- ❖ The hospital plan for each site; and
- ❖ Review of IJB strategic plans and detailed discussions on what IJB's would value in the Lothian Hospital Plan.

The report then provided a summary for each of the four acute sites and included proposals for medical receiving options in the Lothian's.

The report concluded with details on the consultation which would be undertaken on the hospital plan noting that detailed discussions would require to be held with IJB's as the strategic direction of medical services was very much an IJB competence.

The group then undertook a discussion on the contents of the paper and noted the following points :-

- Consultation on the proposals needed to commence at the earliest opportunity;
- The plan should clarify that A&E facilities would be continuing at St John's Hospital

- Make clear in the “headline” for St John’s Hospital that it was also a district general hospital;
- That the plan for Lothian hospitals should include both children and maternity services;
- There were pressures on Learning Disabilities in West Lothian; and
- More traffic would be generated at St John’s Hospital if more elective care was taking place at this site.

It was noted that it was intended for the report to be presented to the next scheduled meeting of the West Lothian IJB and it was suggested that a covering report be produced and should contain the points raised at the Strategic Group meeting.

It was also suggested that the Strategic Group receive regular updates on the Lothian Hospital Plan particularly as consultation commenced and the plan started to evolve and be implemented.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To note the points raised by the Strategic Group;
3. To agree that a covering report be produced before the item was presented to the next scheduled meeting of the West Lothian IJB; and
4. To agree that the Strategic Group be provided with regular updates as consultation got underway and the plan started to evolve.