

# West Lothian Integration Joint Board

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Agenda Item: 12

## CHIEF OFFICER REPORT

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

This report provides an overview of the key developments and emerging issues relating to West Lothian IJB.

#### **B RECOMMENDATION**

Note and comment on the key areas of work and service developments that have been taking place within West Lothian in relation to the work of the Integration Joint Board.

#### **C SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

<b>C1</b>	<b>Directions to NHS Lothian and/or West Lothian Council</b>	A direction(s) is not required.
<b>C2</b>	<b>Resource/ Finance</b>	None
<b>C3</b>	<b>Policy/Legal</b>	None
<b>C4</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<p>A key risk will be staffing capacity to address key issues around reducing delayed discharge and admission avoidance.</p> <p>The risk is captured in the risk register and will be monitored.</p>
<b>C5</b>	<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. The relevance assessment can be viewed via the background references to this report.
<b>C6</b>	<b>Environment and Sustainability</b>	None

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| <b>C7</b>  | <b>National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes</b> | All apply  |
| <b>C8</b>  | <b>Strategic Plan Outcomes</b>                | All apply  |
| <b>C9</b>  | <b>Single Outcome Agreement</b>               | We live longer healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities<br><br>Older people are able to live independently in the community with an improved quality of life |
| <b>C10</b> | <b>Impact on other Lothian IJBs</b>           | No new impacts identified.   |

## **D TERMS OF REPORT**

The report provides a summary of key developments relating to West Lothian IJB and updates Board members on emerging issues.

### **D1 Review of Commissioning Plans**

In January 2020, the IJB approved new [strategic commissioning plans](#) for services for older people, mental health and people living with learning disabilities and physical disabilities. The commissioning plan for substance misuse services was developed via the West Lothian Drug and Alcohol Partnership and was due to be submitted to the IJB in April 2020 but this approval was delayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Work had also begun to progress commissioning plans for palliative care and unscheduled care but this work too was delayed as a result of efforts being concentrated on the pandemic response.

We are currently reflecting on learning from recent events and thinking about how we remobilise our services over the coming months. We will need to think about how remobilisation impacts service delivery both over the short and medium term, consider whether any agreed strategic priorities have changed and agree revised actions in refreshed plans where necessary. For those reasons, all Planning and Commissioning Boards have been asked to review their commissioning plans and update them with any proposed changes. Consultation will take place with members of the IJB's Strategic Planning Group before revised plans, where required, are submitted to the IJB in September 2020.

### **D2 Review of Integration Scheme**

On 21 January 2020 Council Executive approved a review process and an indicative timeline. Both have also been agreed by the health board. Stage 1 of the process was to be concluded by 31 March 2020 and reported to Council Executive on 21 April 2020. Stage 2 was to be concluded by 25 May 2020 and reported to committee on 9 June 2020. The revised scheme was to have been submitted to the Ministers for their approval by 16 June 2020.

Due to the risks and actions arising from COVID-19 it has not been possible to progress the review as agreed. It will not be possible to conclude it before the statutory

deadline. There can be no certainty as to when it may be possible to embark on the review again. In the circumstances it is proposed that the current review process is abandoned. As a result the council and health board will not have fulfilled a statutory duty. No penalty applies. No risk is involved in terms of finance or service delivery or performance since the current scheme will continue in operation. The Integration Joint Board will continue to function under the present arrangements.

The Ministers have indicated their acceptance that reviews underway during the current COVID-19 emergency cannot be completed. They have indicated that councils and health boards may leave current schemes in place but undertake to revisit the reviews at the earliest practicable opportunity.

On 22 April 2020, a decision was taken on behalf of Council Executive, under SO31, to halt the current review process and return to it in the autumn. NHS Lothian also agreed to pause the review at their Board meeting of 13 May 2020.

### **D3 NHS Lothian Remobilisation Plan**

In line with the wider approach to mobilisation outlined within the Scottish Government briefing document “Re-mobilise, Recover, Re-design The Framework for NHS Scotland”, NHS Lothian has produced a Remobilisation Plan that sets out their approach around the key areas noted below:

- Cancer treatment and diagnostics
- Transplant
- Urgent elective care
- Urgent primary care
- Scheduled urgent care
- Expansion of alternatives to face-to-face delivery
- Staff wellbeing
- Impact of physical distancing
- Test/trace

The Plan also included a summary from each of the 4 Health and Social Care Partnerships and information relating our plans for remobilisation within West Lothian – it is noted that these are iterative documents that need to adapt to the changing situation as we progress through the stages of the route map. The current Plan is in excess of 100 pages so has not been included with the papers however if IJB Members would like to receive a copy of the Remobilisation Plan, then these can be circulated.

### **D4 Complaints and Information Requests – Quarter 4 of 2019/20**

#### Complaints

At its meeting of 5 December 2017, the Board agreed the Complaints Handling Procedure be amended in line with recommendations from the Complaints Standards Authority. This included a requirement to report on complaints received by the Board on a quarterly basis.

There have been no complaints received in Quarter 4, or to date.

The Complaints Standards Authority has published a new Model Complaints Handling Procedure (MCHP) and requested that Integration Authorities review their own Complaints Handling Procedure before 1 April 2021.

### Requests for Information

The Board is also required to submit quarterly statistics on requests for information to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC). Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 is an Act of the Scottish Parliament which gives everyone the right to ask for any information held by a Scottish public authority. The Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs) come from a European Directive on access to environmental information. The EIRs give everyone the right to ask for environmental information held by a Scottish public authority (and some other bodies).

There were no requests for information in Quarter 4.

## **D5 Alcohol and Drug Partnership Update**

### Background

In August 2018, the Scottish Government wrote to the Chief Officer of the IJB increasing the West Lothian Allocation of investment to tackle problem alcohol and drug use by £522, 823. The IJB in November 2018 allocated the funding for 2018/19 and 2019/20 based on the priorities consistent with the ADP Commissioning Plan.

A new Strategic Commissioning Plan for Alcohol and Drug Services in West Lothian 2020- 23 was due to be finalised and has been delayed due to COVID-19. This has been supported by a Health Needs Assessment completed by Public Health. A new timescale of being complete by mid-September 2020 has been set for the new Plan.

The Scottish Government wrote to the Chief Officer of the IJB on 29 May 2020 advising of the new funding allocation for drug and alcohol services for 2020-21. The Ministers make clear that we face a public health emergency in relation to drug related deaths and drug and alcohol services are essential and must be maintained for this high risk group including during COVID-19.

The following allocation is in the letter:

Baseline Funding – The Scottish Government direct funding to support ADP projects in 2020-21 has been transferred to NHS Board via their baseline allocations for onward delegation by Integration Authorities (IAs) for ADP projects

Programme for Government – The additional £522, 823 first allocated to West Lothian in 2018 has been made available in 2020/21.

Drug Death Taskforce Funding – A total of £ 68,027 has been identified to this Integrated Authority for 2020/21. To receive this funding ADPs are required to submit a proposal.

### Budget Allocation

The ADP is proposing that the budget allocation remains in line with the agreed 2019/20 allocations, which is based on the previous ADP Commissioning Plan and Scottish Government areas of priority.

For noting, the majority of spend in the ADP budget allocation is committed to commissioned services. In light of Covid-19, the contracts that were due to end this financial year March 2021 were given a 12 months increase to contract term.

Two modest increases have been made to the 2020/21 allocation. The first is the service Children Affected by Parental Substance Misuse Service delivered by Circle Scotland which receives match funding by the CORRA Foundation. The CORRA Foundation could not continue to fund the full additional funding of £17,848 for the contract extension. The ADP increased the contract by this amount to safeguard this service at existing level of outputs outcomes. Circle did not receive any increases in the last 2 financial years. The second increase is to the CHIN team which was a new team set up by Public Health Lothian to support public health surveillance in drugs, alcohol and sexual health. The team have conducted the West Lothian Health Needs Assessment 2019. This modest increase of £1,760 is to cover staff incremental and inflation increases. The time limited funding to support the A11 activity will end as outcome has been achieved.

#### Drug Death Task Force Funding

The primary role of the Drugs Death Taskforce set up in 2018 is to co-ordinate and drive action to improve the health and wellbeing outcomes for people who use drugs, reducing the risk of harm and death. A total of £3 million has been identified for Spend by ADPs and the West Lothian allocation is £68,027. The application process for this allocation is to provide services where they are not already in place for all those at risk in the local area. All the bids must be developed in partnership through ADPs to ensure they are aligned to existing approaches across the local alcohol and drug strategy. The application asks for ADPs to analyse gaps and how the proposals will address the gaps.

These 6 evidence-based priorities are:

1. Targeted distribution of Naloxone;
2. Implement immediate response pathway for Non Fatal Overdoses;
3. Optimise the use of Mediation Assisted Treatment;
4. Target the people most at risk;
5. Optimise Public Health Surveillance;
6. Ensure equivalence of support for people in the Criminal Justice System.

The completed WL ADP application was submitted to the Scottish Government by the Friday 26th June deadline. In summary the ADP proposed 3 avenues for the funding:

- A Naloxone Outreach Worker from the third sector with a focus on increasing Naloxone outlets and distribution.
- To replace an existing nursing vacancy with a higher Grade to enable the post to be filled with an Advance Nurse Practitioner to support the delivery on same day OST prescribing. This additional staff cost is the amount requested
- To increase CHIN funding yet further to support local data management and data surveillance.

Decisions will be communicated to ADP Chairs and Chief Officers by Friday 24th July 2020.

## **D6 Mental Health in Law Review**

In February 2020 the Mental Health in Law Review was launched by the Scottish government. This was an independent review hosted by the Scottish government lead by John Scott QC. Stage 1 of the review aims to hear about the experiences of individuals involved with mental health law in Scotland. These experiences are to involve both individuals that have been detained under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2003 and those that use it as part of the professional role in Health and Social Care. Through consultation and engagement with Social Work, Mental Health Officer (MHO) teams, Consultant Psychiatry and Psychiatric inpatient services, a response was submitted on behalf of the WL HSCP on 29 May 2020. The response was generally supportive of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2003 however did make comment and offer suggestion of improvement on areas such as the use of 'named persons', overlaps with the adults with incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000, use of T2/T3 forms when assessing and applying medication changes and how the act supports patients to use supported decision making and advocacy services to make their views known to support their care planning. WL HSCP will continue to engage with the review as it moves into stages 2 and 3.

## **E CONSULTATION**

None

## **F REFERENCES/BACKGROUND**

None

## **G APPENDICES**

None

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