

MINUTE of MEETING of the ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL STAKEHOLDER GROUP held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING, on 28 OCTOBER 2020.

Present – Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Damian Timson, Harry Cartmill

In Attendance – Allister Short, Aris Tyrothoulakis, Fiona Mitchell, Andrew Jackson, Anne Smith, Cheryl MacIntyre

Apologies – Fiona Wilson, Agnes Ritchie

1. MINUTE

The Group confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 26 August 2020 as a correct record.

2. PAEDIATRIC SERVICES/PAEDIATRIC OUTPATIENT CLINICAL WAITING TIMES UPDATE

Fiona Mitchell, Service Director Women's & Children's Services, provided a verbal update on paediatric outpatient waiting times and highlighted the significant improvement to show waiting times was now at 12 weeks with just a small number waiting more than 12 weeks.

3. PAEDIATRIC PROGRAMME BOARD UPDATE

Fiona Mitchell, Service Director Women's & Children's Services provided a verbal update on the Paediatric Programme Board, noting that the paediatric ward was now open on a 24/7 basis as planned and that patients would no longer need to be transferred to Edinburgh.

4. UPDATE ON SERVICE DELIVERY, INCLUDING A&E ADMISSIONS, FROM ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Site manager Aris Tyrothoulakis provided a verbal update on the impact that the second wave of Covid-19 was having on hospital admissions. It was advised that there was a significant increase on covid-19 admissions and that staff were working to meet the challenge by creating different pathways and reconfiguring the hospital. It was also advised that in an effort to ease pressure elective surgical procedures were being reduced at this time.

5. STAFF CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

Site manager Aris Tyrothoulakis provided a verbal update on staff car parking arrangements. It was noted that prior to the pandemic staff were encouraged to use public transport, lift share, cycle and to use the parking facilities at Livingston Football Club. However, during the pandemic pressure on the car park eased and staff were able to use the hospital car

park.

It was noted that as the hospital re-commenced services which had been reduced during the lockdown period there had been an increase in car parking requirements. At this time staff were still able to use the hospital car park but it was acknowledged that there would be future parking issues and that negotiations and an engagement process with staff would take place in an effort to improve the situation.

6. MEETING SCHEDULE

The Group approved the schedule of meetings for 2021 as follows:

3 February 2021, 5 May 2021, 25 August 2021, 27 October 2021