

UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF THE HOME FIRST PROGRAMME AND
THE POSITION WITH TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ST MICHAEL'S
HOSPITAL IN RESPONSE TO STAFFING PRESSURES

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Health providing a situational update on the Home First Programme and the current position with the temporary closure of St Michael's Hospital from August 2021. Additionally, the report sought to provide assurance to the Board that the Home First programme was underpinned by a whole system governance structure and data analysis to ensure any recommendations were evidence based and worked through with stakeholder involvement.

It was recommended that the Board:

1. Support the positive step in incorporating St John's Hospital phase 2 development and expanding scope of the Older Peoples Commissioning Board to include adults over the age of 18 years who required access to urgent unscheduled care;
2. Note the change of name of the Older Peoples and People Living with Dementia Commissioning Board to 'West Lothian Community and Acute Care Commissioning Board';
3. Continue to support an extension of the temporary closure of St Michael's Hospital until 31 March 22 with monthly monitoring, to evaluate the evolving staffing levels and allow for modelling of short, medium and longer-term bed needs across the health and social care system; and
4. Be cognisant of the need to prioritise IJB reserves to increase the capacity to deliver care at home services internally in response to current pressures on the system.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.