



Date	21 March 2023
Agenda Item	08

Report to: West Lothian Integration Joint Board

Report Title: Chief Officer's Report

Report By: Chief Officer

Summary of Report and Implications	
Purpose	This report: (tick any that apply).
	- seeks a decision <input type="checkbox"/>
	- is to provide assurance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- is for information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- is for discussion <input type="checkbox"/>
	The report provides a summary of key developments relating to West Lothian IJB and updates Board members on emerging issues including those related to Covid-19.
Recommendations	1. 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.
Directions to NHS Lothian and/or West Lothian Council	Not required.
Resource/ Finance/ Staffing	No specific matters relevant to the paper.
Policy/Legal	None.
Risk	Risks relevant to the IJB are set out in the risk register.
Equality, Health Inequalities, Environmental and Sustainability Issues	None.
Strategic Planning and Commissioning	The report is relevant to the IJB's Strategic Plan 2019-2023.

Locality Planning	No specific locality requirements.
Engagement	None – paper is for information.
Terms of Report	
<p>1. Vaccination Update</p> <p>1.1 Following the completion of the Winter Flu/Covid programme, in January 2023, focus switched to the non-seasonal programme, most notably Pneumococcal and Shingles vaccination, with over 5,000 vaccinations delivered since the start of the programme.</p> <p>1.2 On 27th March 2023 the Spring Booster programme will commence for housebound and care home residents, with clinic appointments being offered from 10th April 2023. This programme will provide Covid vaccinations for people aged 75 years or older and those with weakened immune systems of all ages, from 5 years and above, and also pregnant women.</p> <p>1.3 Following patient feedback, which showed that local delivery opportunities were more favourable, mini-mass vaccination sites will not feature as part of this programme. Clinics will take place primarily within GP practices and partnership buildings. It should be noted that some Community Pharmacy locations may be considered depending on the need for overall capacity, or specific capacity in hard to reach areas or for specific target communities to promote vaccine uptake.</p> <p>1.4 The Pneumococcal and Shingles programme will pause during the delivery of the Spring Booster programme which has a completion date of 30th June 2023. At that time routine offers for legacy 1st and 2nd Covid vaccination doses will also cease.</p> <p>2. St Michael's Update</p> <p>2.1 A public meeting was held on 7th February 2023 at Kirk Hall of St Michael's Parish Church, which launched the start of the early consultation process. Following the meeting, on the 8th February West Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership launched a public consultation inviting feedback from the local community on the ongoing closure of St Michael's Hospital and on its future in the context of the review of beds across West Lothian.</p> <p>2.2 The consultation was open for three weeks and closed on 22nd February and received a total of 164 responses. Further engagement work is scheduled to take place around Home First and Community Hospital Provision within West Lothian and a paper will be brought to a future IJB meeting.</p> <p>3. Single Point of Contact (SPoC)</p> <p>3.1 The SPoC pilot has formally come to an end and a comprehensive evaluation has been circulated to the Steering Group for consideration and comment. Scaling up to full implementation of phase 1 has commenced with the addition of District Nurses. SPoC is now open to all West Lothian GP practices and engagement with Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) is ongoing.</p> <p>3.2 Two full-time SPoC Leads have been recruited to the service for the two-year test of change. A further 3 posts have recently been advertised for a mix of SPoC Lead's and Social Workers. In the meantime, the service has maintained a stable rota.</p> <p>3.3 SPoC is reporting an admission prevention rate of 91% of accepted referrals with a plan in place within 4 hours for 93% of accepted referrals.</p>	

4. Complaints and Information Requests

4.1 Complaints

4.2 There were no complaints received in quarter 3 of 2022/2023 or to date.

4.3 Information Requests

4.4 The Board is 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).

4.5 During quarter 3 of 2022/2023, there were two information requests received. Both of these requests were exempt in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 on the basis that the IJB does not hold the information requested.

5. British Journal of Nursing Awards 2023

5.1 The British Journal of Nursing Awards celebrate the hard work and dedication of nurses and acknowledges their impact on patients' lives. West Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership is delighted to share that Arlene Dillon, Continence Nurse Specialist from Strathbrock Partnership Centre has been shortlisted for Continence Nurse of the Year.

5.2 Arlene has worked tirelessly over the last 6 years to promote the continence service within West Lothian both to improve the quality of life of patients and to ensure there is adherence to best practice. Arlene has worked to reduce costs through ensuring that product provision is not the default position and that patients are assessed fully creating opportunities for treatment and cure resorting to product provision only when appropriate to do so.

5.3 The awards ceremony is due to take place on 24th March 2023 in London.

6. West Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership Website

6.1 Work is ongoing to redesign the IJB pages on the HSCP website. Corporate Communications officers are developing a new template to allow further changes to be progressed. An overview of the proposed changes will be brought to the April IJB for approval to publish the changes on the website.

7. IJB Internal Audit Plan

7.1 On 8th March 2023, the West Lothian Integration Joint Board Internal Audit Plan 2023/2024 was approved at the Integration Joint Board Audit Risk and Governance Committee (ARGC).

7.2 The internal audit plan for 2023/24 sets out the planned internal audit work for the year to 31 March 2024. The purpose of the internal audit plan is to review the control framework and to ensure that effective controls are in place to mitigate the risks identified. It should be noted that separate internal audit arrangements are in place in relation to the operational arrangements within West Lothian Council and NHS Lothian.

7.3 Two risks are identified on the audit plan; Delayed Discharge and Sustainability of Primary Care, both with a timescale of December 2023. The full report that was presented to the ARGC is available to view on coins.

8. Internal Audit of the Sustainability of Primary Care

8.1 In accordance with the IJB's internal audit plan for 2022/23, an audit was undertaken of the sustainability of primary care and concluded that control is satisfactory. The resultant audit report is available to view on coins and an action plan agreed with management.

References	None
Appendices	None
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