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Report to West Lothian Integration Joint Board

Report Title: Primary Care Premises Capital Investment Priorities Follow Up

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Summary of Report and Implications		
Purpose	This report: (tick any that apply).	
	- seeks a decision x	
	- is to provide assurance	
	- is for information	
	- is for discussion	
	To provide the West Lothian Integration Joint Board (IJB) with the additional information requested at the meeting on 10 th January 2023 in relation to priorities for capital investment in primary care premises. The IJB asked for further information to be presented on: • The data used to determine the priorities and consideration of whether a more appropriate source was available • The NHS Lothian capital planning process	
	The additional information requested is outlined in this paper.	
Recommendations	The Integration Joint Board is asked to:	
	 Approve the identified priorities for submission to the NHS Lothian Primary Care Initial Agreement Programme Board Agree that the identified priorities will be reflected in NHS Lothian's submission to the Scottish Government for capital funding for primary care premises Note that work to determine the impact of ongoing housebuilding will continue and be used to inform future business cases and delivery options 	
Directions to NHS Lothian and/or	A direction(s) is not required.	



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Resource/ Finance/ Staffing	Capital investment levels still to be determined but the funding implications generated from the findings of this report fall within the scope of capital planning and investment.
Policy/Legal	The works link to GP contract requirements to ensure the strain on GP capacity is reduced by ensuring suitable accommodation is provided.
Risk	Inadequate premises pose a risk to service delivery and to staff retention and wellbeing. Accommodation and associated risks are held and reviewed via the HSCP risk register.
Equality, Health Inequalities, Environmental and Sustainability Issues	A full integrated impact assessment was carried out on the IJB's Strategic Plan 2019-2023. Future construction will have regard to environmental and sustainability requirements. Further assessment will be required once capital investment decisions have been made and business cases are being developed.
Strategic Planning and Commissioning	West Lothian Primary Care Improvement Plan
Locality Planning	Reporting is currently done on a West Lothian basis and data is not broken down by localities. Two locality profiles have been created for the East and West of West Lothian.
Engagement	Primary Care Management Group NHS Lothian Primary Care Initial Agreement Programme Board Consultation with all GP practices in West Lothian Consultation with Winchburgh Developments West Lothian Council Planning

Terms of Report		
1.	Background	
1.1	A paper outlining the main priorities for capital investment in primary care premises in West Lothian was presented at the IJB meeting held on 10 th January, 2023.	
1.2	The paper highlighted four priority practices for inclusion in a Lothian-wide investment submission to the Scottish Government by NHS Lothian. The four practices identified were:-	
	 Barbauclaw practice consisting of sites at Armadale and Blackridge. Almond Group practice consisting of sites at Winchburgh and Kirkliston. Whitburn Medical Group Howden Health Centre 	
1.3	It was noted that East Calder Medical Practice had previously been identified as the highest priority within West Lothian and work on an Outline Business Case for submission to the Scottish Government for capital investment is already underway. It is for this reason East Calder Medical Practice does not appear on the above list.	



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1.4 While the four practices were broadly accepted as the current priorities, further clarity was sought to provide assurance and allow the board to confidently endorse the recommendations of the paper.

In response to previous discussions:

- Consideration was given to the data source used and whether an alternate or updated source would prove to be more appropriate, and whether the highlighted priorities would change accordingly.
- 2. Information was gathered to provide further information on the NHS Lothian Capital Planning process.

2. Data Sources

- 2.1 In reviewing the data source used, consultation was undertaken with West Lothian Council's Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration service. Discussion also took place with Winchburgh Developments Limited regarding population growth in Winchburgh in particular. It was concluded that the data source used to inform the original paper was comparable with that used by West Lothian Council to determine population growth. It was noted, however, based on recent experience of growth and house completions in Winchburgh, that the population figures may be underestimated for that area. It has not yet been possible to obtain more up to date data than that used in the original paper, but it was agreed that the overall prioritisation of practices was unlikely to be affected to a significant degree by this.
- 2.2 The intention is to continue to engage with West Lothian Council, updating the relevant population growth and housebuilding projections as they become available, and using the data to inform future business cases as required.

3. NHS Lothian Capital Planning Process

3.1 Following approval by the Integration Joint Board, the four practices identified as priorities will form part of an NHS Lothian submission for the whole of Lothian to the Scottish Government for capital funding.

The key meetings for this process are:-

- 1. NHS Lothian Capital Investment Group (LCIG) March 2023
- 2. NHS Lothian Finance and Resources Committee March 2023
- 3. Scottish Government Capital Investment Group April 2023

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 NHS Lothian will progress the submission for capital funding and the IJB will be advised of the outcome in due course.
- 4.2 It is important to clarify that the four identified GP practices are currently for noting as the priorities in West Lothian for consideration within the wider NHS primary care capital investment programme. Potential outcomes or solutions are not in scope at this time and are therefore not included in the paper. Business cases and options for delivering future improvements to the primary care estate will be developed through full consultation and engagement with stakeholders and local communities.

5. Conclusion

5.1 The Integration Joint Board is asked to consider the additional information provided in this paper and approve the submission of the highlighted priorities to the NHS Lothian Primary Care Initial



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Agreement Program Board. The board is also asked to agree to the priorities being included in the overall NHS Lothian submission to the Scottish Government for capital funding.

Appendices	Nil
References	Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014
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