

MINUTE of MEETING of the HEALTH AND CARE POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 3 JUNE 2021.

Present – Councillors Harry Cartmill (Chair), George Paul, Pauline Clark, David Dodds, Damian Doran-Timson, Andrew McGuire, Alison Adamson (substituting for Bruce Fairbairn), Pippa Plevin (Joint Forum of Community Councils) (substituting for Ann Greechan)

Apologies – Councillor Bruce Fairbairn and Ann Greechan (Joint Forum of Community Councils)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTE

The panel approved the minute of its meeting held on 29 April 2021 as a correct record.

3. HERBERT PROTOCOL

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy providing them with information regarding the Herbert Protocol.

It was recommended that the panel:

1. Note the Herbert Protocol is an aid to assist Police enquiries in the event of a missing person;
2. Note Police Scotland's J Division including West, Mid and East Lothian and Scottish Borders are participating in the initiative; and
3. Note the Herbert Protocol will be launched on 31 May 2021 to coincide with Dementia Awareness week.

The panel discussed the initiative and asked if positive outcomes could be shared. Officers undertook to report successful results to a future meeting.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report; and
2. To note that officers undertook to report positive outcomes at a future meeting of the panel.

4. WEST LOTHIAN HSCP ACAST PILOT WITH POLICE SCOTLAND

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the West Lothian HSCP Mental Health General Manager informing of the recent pilot project between the HSCP Acute Care and Support Team (ACAST) and Police Scotland and its findings.

It was recommended that the panel note the contents of the report.

The panel queried if Accident and Emergency time saved had been quantified as it had been for policing. The West Lothian HSCP Mental Health General Manager informed the panel that the effect of the pilot would more so reduce four hour breaches within the department and undertook to provide this data once gathered.

#### Decision

1. To note the terms of the report; and
2. To ask that the West Lothian HSCP Mental Health General Manager report data gathered regarding potential reductions in Accident and Emergency four hour breaches as a consequence of the pilot.

### 5. PERFORMANCE REPORT - ANNUAL INDICATORS

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy reporting the current level of performance against the annual indicators in the Corporate Plan which were the responsibility of Social Policy and reportable to the panel.

It was recommended that the panel note the performance information and determine if further action or enquiry was necessary for any of the performance indicators in the report.

Figures relating to the percentage of Occupational Therapy assessments allocated within six weeks of referral were highlighted by the panel. It was acknowledged that as a result of COVID-19 pandemic national restrictions relevant staff were redeployed to other areas of service provision. Officers undertook to confirm to those elected members on the panel the number of referrals carried over from 2020 into 2021.

#### Decision

1. To note the terms of the report; and
2. To ask that officers circulate Occupational Therapy waiting list numbers carried over from 2020 to 2021 to those elected members on the panel.

### 6. NHS Lothian Board

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by

the Depute Chief Executive updating members on the business and activities of Lothian NHS Board.

It was recommended that the panel note the terms of the minutes of Lothian NHS Board dated 3 February 2021 in the appendix to the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

7. SOCIAL POLICY MANAGEMENT PLAN 2021-2022

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy informing of the contents of the Social Policy Management Plan 2021 - 2022.

It was recommended that the panel note the details of the Social Policy Management Plan 2020 - 2021.

The panel acknowledged the professionalism exhibited by Social Policy staff during the COVID-19 pandemic and requested that the Head of Social Policy pass on their gratitude.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report; and
2. To ask that the Head of Social Policy pass on the panels thanks to their staff for the professionalism exhibited during the COVID-19 pandemic.

8. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.