

MINUTE of MEETING of the HEALTH AND CARE POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL held within MS TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 3 FEBRUARY 2022.

Present – Councillors Harry Cartmill (Chair), George Paul, Pauline Clark, David Dodds, Damian Doran-Timson, Bruce Fairbairn

Apologies – Councillor Andrew McGuire and the Joint Forum of West Lothian Community Councils

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTES

The panel confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on Thursday 02 December 2021 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. COMMUNITY WELLBEING HUBS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020-2021

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the General Manager: Mental Health and Addictions providing an update on the performance of the West Lothian Community Wellbeing Hubs service for the period 2020-21 through the report shown in Appendix 1 to the report.

The panel were provided with an overview of the West Lothian Community Wellbeing Hubs service. In response to a query regarding service users engagement, the Manager advised provision was intended as a short-term intervention although users could re-engage with the service in future. Figures relating to those who used the service and subsequently required a further referral would be included in future reports to the panel.

It was recommended that the panel:

1. note the process of the Wellbeing Hubs service;
2. note information provided surrounding referral rates, referral sources and demographics of service users; and
3. note future developments of the service.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report; and
2. To request that future reports include data regarding the number of

users who re-engage with the service.

4. PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTERLY INDICATORS

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy reporting the current level of performance for the quarterly indicators up to quarter 1 of 2021-22 that supported the Corporate Plan and were the responsibility of Social Policy and reportable to the panel.

Members noted the detail within the report and it was queried if further information was available on the circumstances relating to the complaints. Clarification on the events leading to those particular cases would be circulated to members and officers undertook to include a breakdown of complaints in future reports 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.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report; and
2. To request that future reports to the panel include a further breakdown of complaints in order to provide context.

5. “LAUREN’S LAW”, THE CAMPAIGN TO HAVE ASTHMA INHALERS INCLUDED WITHIN FIRST AID KITS IN COMMERCIAL KITCHENS

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy providing an overview of “Lauren’s Law”, the campaign to change the law to enable asthma inhalers to be included in First Aid kits within commercial kitchens.

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

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

6. STRATEGIC INSPECTION - ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive presenting an update on progress being made against the recommendations contained in the report of a joint strategic inspection by Healthcare Improvement Scotland and the Care Inspectorate published on 9 September 2020.

It was recommended that the panel note the progress being made with

the action plan to address the recommendations of the strategic inspection report, proposed revised timescales and key areas of focus still required.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

7. IJB INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive providing an update on the quarterly performance based on the latest data available.

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

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

8. WEST LOTHIAN INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive updating on the business and activities of West Lothian Integration Joint Board.

It was recommended that the panel note the terms of the Minutes of West Lothian Integration Joint Board dated 9 November 2021 in the appendix to the report.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

9. NHS LOTHIAN BOARD

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive updating on the business and activities of Lothian NHS Board.

It is recommended that the panel note the terms of the Minutes of Lothian NHS Board dated 6 October 2021 in the appendices to the report.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

10. WORKPLAN

A copy of the workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.