

Report

Joint Board Membership - Appointment Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

20 January 2017



Executive Summary

1. This report notifies the Joint Board that NHS Lothian has identified replacement voting members to fill vacancies following the resignation of Kay Blair and George Walker. It further seeks appointment to the vacancy on the Audit and Risk Committee. The appointment of George Walker as a non-voting additional member is also proposed.

Recommendations

2. To note that NHS Lothian had agreed to appoint Michael Ash to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board as a voting member in place of Kay Blair.
3. To note that NHS Lothian had agreed to appoint Carolyn Hirst to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board as a voting member in place of George Walker from 1 February 2017.
4. To agree that George Walker be appointed Edinburgh Integration Joint Board as a non-voting additional member from 1 February 2017.
5. To agree that Michael Ash be appointed to the membership of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Background

6. Following the resignation of Kay Blair from the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) and the Audit and Risk Committee on 18 November 2016 there has been a vacancy on both bodies.
7. An additional vacancy will be created on the EIJB when George Walker's term as non-executive director on the NHS Lothian comes to an end on 31 January 2017.
8. As both Kay Blair and George Walker were appointed as voting members by NHS Lothian it falls to them to nominate appropriate replacements.
9. The EIJB is responsible under section 14 of its Standing Orders for appointing committees and is therefore responsible for appointing to the vacancy on the Audit and Risk Committee.

EIJB Voting Member Vacancies

10. The vacancies on the EIJB created by the resignation of Kay Blair and George Walker's term as a non-executive director coming to an end on 31 January 2017 are for a voting member. Responsibility falls to NHS Lothian to appoint to these positions.
11. These appointments ensure the required balance of voting members between NHS Lothian and the City of Edinburgh Council.

George Walker – Non-voting member

12. The Order allows for the Joint Board to appoint additional non-voting members as it sees fit, providing this person is not a councillor or a non-executive director of the Health Board.
13. The Flow Programme Board was established in May 2016 as a means of providing scrutiny, direction and oversight to the work taking place to address delays across the health and social care system that prevent citizens receiving the right care, in the right place at the right time which has been and continues to be a major challenge in Edinburgh. The Board meets monthly to review the position on flow and oversee the work of key workstreams which have been established to focus on improving flow at different points of the pathway. The Board is chaired by George Walker and membership includes senior managers from the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Services and Acute Services in NHS Lothian and the Scottish Government's lead on delayed discharge.
14. The role of the Chair has been pivotal in the effective operation of the Flow Programme Board which is embedding a whole systems approach to improving flow that is jointly owned by senior managers across both community and acute services; and is beginning to deliver positive results. There is a significant risk that a change in the chair of the Board at this stage would lead to a loss of momentum in this vital area of work.
15. Given the importance that the Integration Joint Board has placed on tackling delays in the health and social care system as quickly and effectively as possible it is therefore recommended that George Walker continues in the role of Chair of the Flow Programme Board and should be appointed a non-voting member of the Integration Joint Board.

Audit and Risk Committee - Vacancy

16. The resignation of Kay Blair from the EIJB also created a vacancy for a voting member on the Audit and Risk Committee. Responsibility falls to the EIJB to appoint to this position under standing order 14.3.
17. Under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 and Standing Order 14.2 the Committee must include an equal number of voting members appointed by NHS Lothian and the Council. The EIJB is therefore required to appoint an individual from its NHS Lothian voting membership.

Key risks

18. Failure to appoint replacement voting members to the Joint Board within the period of six months would come under scrutiny by Scottish Ministers who would require to be notified in writing as to reasons why this had not occurred.
19. Failure to appoint an individual to the Audit and Risk Committee would result in the Joint Board falling to meet the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Integration Joint Boards)(Scotland) Order 2014 and therefore decisions being liable to challenge.

Financial implications

20. There are no financial implications connected with this report.

Involving people

21. N/A

Impact on plans of other parties

22. There is no known impact on the plans of other parties.

Background reading/references

[Minute of the Integration Joint Board – 18 November 2016](#)

The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014

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Links to priorities in strategic plan

