



Report

Lothian Strategic Planning Forum

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

29 March 2019

Executive Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) on the implementation of a Lothian Strategic Planning Forum.

Recommendations

2. The Integration Joint Board is asked to:
 - i. Note the implementation of a Lothian Strategic Planning Forum.
 - ii. Discuss the membership and agenda of the proposed forum; and
 - iii. Agree that the Chair and Vice Chair will be the representative for EIJB on the Lothian Strategic Planning Forum and that the Chief Officer and other relevant officers will also attend.

Background

3. There are four Integration Joint Boards (IJB) across Lothian – one in each Local Authority area and a single NHS Board. The four IJBs have similar interests and areas of focus with their partner organisations and there is potential benefit in creating a forum to discuss these as well as where a more collective approach to significant issues of strategy might be beneficial.
4. In light of this, a Lothian Strategic Planning Forum (the forum) has been formed, in its initial phase supported by NHS Lothian. An inaugural meeting is scheduled for the 4 April 2019 where its terms of reference and future agenda will be discussed.

Main report

5. The forum has been developed to allow the four Integration Joint Boards (Midlothian, East Lothian, West Lothian and Edinburgh) and NHS Lothian to meet to discuss a range of issues which will include items of strategic interest and priority to each of the parties. This will include, but not be limited to unscheduled care, emergency department, inpatient mental health services and community hospitals. There will be other issues that will come to the forum where this is appropriate.
6. The forum will also give the IJBs and NHS Lothian the opportunity to develop a co-ordinated approach to the recommendations from the Audit Scotland Report on Integration and the Ministerial Strategic Group for Health and Community Care.
7. The membership of the forum will include the Chair and Chief Executive of NHS Lothian, four IJB Chairs and Vice Chairs, four Chief Officers, Chief Officer for Acute Services and the Director of Strategic Planning for NHS Lothian. Where appropriate, additional officers will be asked to attend.
8. The forum will enhance the opportunity to have a collective discussion in relation to the “set-aside” budgets and progress recommendations from key integration reports and does not replace or cut across the IJB strategic planning group or the NHS Strategic Planning Committee. The forum will have no formal decision making authority in respect of the organisations own role but may make decisions in relation to items under discussion and further work within the context of its work.
9. Nominations for a Chair and Vice Chair are being sought from non-executive members and councillors who hold positions on the NHS Lothian Board and the Integration Joint Boards, with Peter Murray, Chair of the East Lothian IJB, chairing the first meeting on the 4 April 19.
10. Members will note that there are no Local Authority representatives invited to take part and may wish to discuss whether this is a gap in membership given the potential focus on the Audit Scotland and Ministerial Strategic Group progress reports.
11. The forum will meet six times a year, with the administering of the forum provided by NHS Lothian.

Key risks

12. There are no risks relating to the setting up of the forum, however if a collective approach to problem solving across the four IJB's is not taken, a key risk is that issues and decision making across set-aside services is fragmented.

Financial implications

13. As the forum has no decision making power, there are no financial implications relating to this report.

Implications for Directions

14. There are no implications for directions.

Equalities implications

15. There are no equalities implications.

Sustainability implications

16. There are no sustainability implications.

Involving people

17. There is a recognition that having a forum where all four IJB's can discuss "set aside" issues and implementation of the recommendations from Audit Scotland and the Ministerial Strategic Group will be valuable.

Impact on plans of other parties

18. There are no impact on plans of other parties.

Background reading/references

MSG Review of Integration

Audit Scotland - Review of Integration

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Appendices

None