

REPORT

Edinburgh Joint Carers Strategy Spending Plan

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

2 February 2021

Executive Summary

1. The Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) approved the Edinburgh Joint Carers' Strategy (EJCS) 2019-2022 and implementation plan in August 2019.
2. The EJCS implementation plan details how the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (EHSCP) will implement the duties of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.
3. Funding available to support the implementation of the EJCS is £35.4m over 5 years. A large proportion of this is subject to annual Scottish Government budget settlements.
4. The spending plan to implement the EJCS has been developed based on carer consultation and ongoing dialogue with strategic partners and will ensure the EIJB is able to fulfil the duties outlined in the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.
5. Funding is allocated across the six carer strategic priorities and includes an expansion of supports that were already valued and delivering outcomes for carers around information and advice, and health and wellbeing.
6. Additional investment is proposed in the areas of short breaks and replacement care with a focus on personalising support for carers.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the EIJB:

1. Note the spending plan associated with the delivery of the EJCS 2019-2022.

	2. Agree the amended direction to implement the EJCS 2019-2022 and associated implementation plans
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Directions

Direction to City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Lothian or both organisations		
	No direction required	
	Issue a direction to City of Edinburgh Council	
	Issue a direction to NHS Lothian	
	Issue a direction to City of Edinburgh Council and NHS Lothian	✓

Report Circulation

1. Direct to Edinburgh Integration Joint Board.

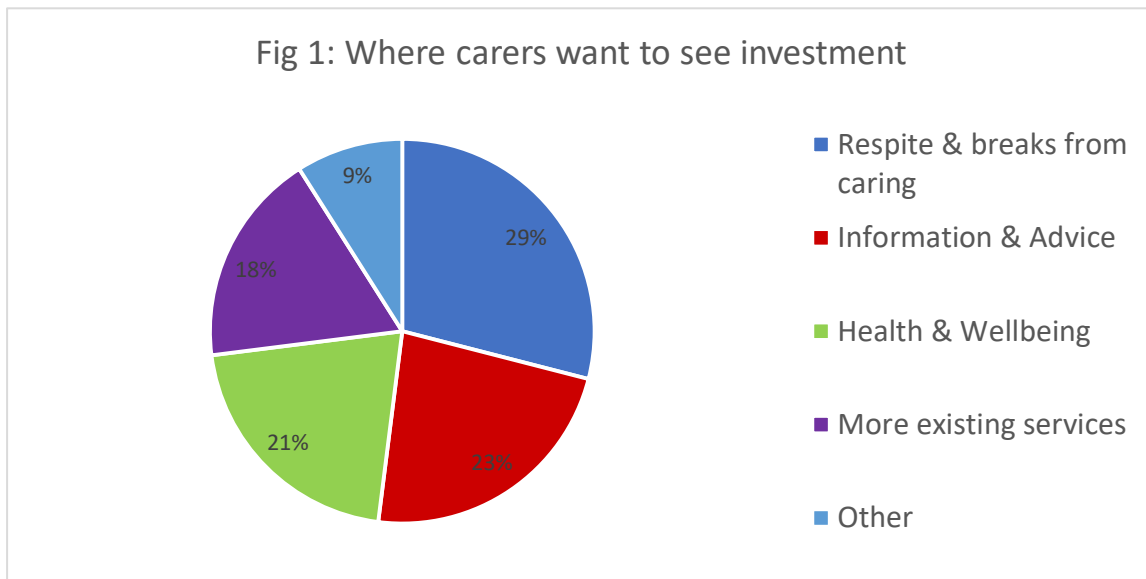
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2. The EJCS 2019-2022 includes an implementation plan for how the EHSCP will implement the duties of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 and the funding available to support this (see table 1). Funding is subject to annual Scottish Government budget settlements.

Table 1: Funding to support delivery of the EJCS

	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m
Total funding available	5.84	7.51	7.51	7.51	7.51

3. Carer consultation informed the development of the EJCS 2019-2022. Carers were asked where they felt additional investments would make the biggest difference to their lives. Figure 1 summarises the responses received.



4. Between £3.3m - £3.9m is already committed annually through third sector contracts which commenced on 1 January 2021, hospital discharge carer support team, grant funded carer supports and direct payments for carers to meet needs identified through the preparation of an Adult Carer Support Plan (ACSP).
5. The new carer support contracts have been designed to expand supports that were already valued and delivering outcomes for carers around information and advice, and health and wellbeing. They include additional supports for carers to have a break from caring. However, one of the main barriers to taking a break from caring and accessing other carer supports is sourcing replacement care for the cared for person.
6. Table 2 outlines spending to deliver on the EJCS 2019-2022 implementation plan under each of the carers strategic priorities and includes;
 - Contribution of funding to further develop short breaks which will be shaped by the outcome of the Bed Based Review workstream on Short Breaks.
 - Contribution of funds for purchasing replacement care where a need has been identified through the person's own assessment and/or the ACSP. This may be in the form of traditional support at home, day support or residential respite, but may also be used creatively via other self-directed support options and aligned to the personalising support for carers.
 - Commitment to support community led carer supports through the community investment transformation workstream.
 - Contribution towards commissioning of independent advocacy for carers and BME carer support.

- Contingency and innovation fund to enable EHSCP to respond to changes in demand or identified gaps in support over the next 5 years.

Table 2: Spending plan to implement EJCS

	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m
Identifying Carers and Information & advice	1.22	1.27	1.40	1.45	1.49
Health and Wellbeing	0.63	1.01	1.12	1.14	1.15
Short Breaks	0.59	0.99	1.16	1.09	1.09
Young Carers	0.51	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69
Personalising support	2.75	3.34	2.92	2.93	2.95
Contingency and Innovation	0.14	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.13
Total	5.84	7.51	7.50	7.51	7.50

- The spending plan recognises that supporting carers requires working together across several ongoing workstreams to work towards seamless support for the carer, the cared for person and the communities they live in.
- As work progresses across different workstreams the distribution of funding may change as new information, evidence, and impact on people and performance become clearer. This will also be informed by Integrated Impact Assessments for each of the workstreams.

Implications for Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

Financial

- Ongoing available funding is subject to annual Scottish Government budget settlements, there is a risk that the anticipated funding outlined in table 1 may be less in coming years.

Legal / risk implications

- The spending plan enables the EIJB to fulfil its duties under the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016; to establish and maintain an information and advice service for carers,

the duty to provide support based on identified needs including the provision of a break from caring.

Equality and integrated impact assessment

11. Integrated impact assessment was completed as part of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 implementation. Further assessments will be required as specific proposals are developed in each of the associated workstreams.

Environment and sustainability impacts

12. As specific proposals are developed environmental and sustainability impacts will continue to be considered.

The plans outlined will support the delivery of the EJCS which aims to improve outcomes for carers. Progress and impact of the associated activity will be reported via the EIJB Performance and Delivery Committee on an annual basis.

Quality of care

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Consultation

14. Extensive consultation with carers took place as part of the development of the EJCS. The governance associated with the EJCS includes a strategic partnership group with membership from third sector organisations, NHS Lothian, communities and families and the EHSCP. The outcome of the consultation and ongoing dialogue with strategic partners has informed the development of this spending plan.

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Background Reports

1. Edinburgh Joint Carers' Strategy 2019-2022 :
<https://www.edinburghhsc.scot/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Edinburgh-Joint-Carers-Strategy-2019-2022-FINAL.pdf>
2. [Award of Contracts for Edinburgh Carer Supports](#), Paper for Policy and Sustainability Committee

Appendices

Appendix 1 Direction

DIRECTION FROM THE EDINBURGH INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

Reference number	EIJB-02/02/2021-1		
Does this direction supersede, vary or revoke an existing direction? If yes, please provide reference number of existing direction	Yes This varies direction EIJB-15/12/2020-5 agreed in December 2020 to reflect a change in financial allocation across partner organisations.		
Approval date	02/02/2021		
Services / functions covered	Carer Support Services		
Full text of direction	Implement the Edinburgh Joint Carers Strategy 2019-22 and associated implementation plans.		
Direction to	NHS Lothian and The City of Edinburgh Council		
Link to relevant EIJB report / reports	Edinburgh Joint Carers' Strategy 2019-2022 and implementation plans – EIJB 20 Aug 2019		
Budget / finances allocated to carry out the direction.		<i>NHS Lothian</i>	<i>City of Edinburgh Council</i>
	2021/22	£0.53m	£5.31m
	2022/23	£0.54m	£6.97m
Performance measures	Performance and Delivery committee agreed strategic performance framework on 16 November 2020 and will be reported on annually.		
Date direction will be reviewed	April 2021		