

Minute

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

2.30pm, Tuesday 28 September 2021

Held remotely by video conference

Present:

Board Members:

Councillor Ricky Henderson (Chair), Angus McCann (Vice-Chair), Councillor Robert Aldridge, Bridie Ashrowan, Colin Beck, Carl Bickler, Heather Cameron, Councillor Phil Doggart, Christine Farquhar, Helen FitzGerald, Councillor George Gordon, Ruth Hendery, Grant Macrae, Jacqui Macrae, Allister McKillop, Peter Murray, Moira Pringle, Judith Proctor, Emma Reynish and Richard Williams.

Officers: Matthew Brass, Jane Brown, Jessica Brown, Andrew Coull, Ann Duff, Tony Duncan, Rachel Gentleman, Elisa Giannulli and Hazel Stewart.

Apologies: Kirsten Hey, Martin Hill, Jackie Irvine and Ian Mackay

1. Bed Based Care – Phase 1 Strategy

The Board agreed to hear three deputations from Unite, Edinburgh Trade Union Council and Unison.

1.1 – Deputation – Unite

The deputation made the following key points:

- The deputation requested that the Board suspend any decision on the four care homes noted in the report until after the public consultation.
- The deputation requested that the Board ensured the consultation would be undertaken in an open and meaningful manner that can help to shape future proposals.
- More work was requested to complete impact assessments on those who have protected characteristics or of a socioeconomic disadvantage.

- The deputation requested that the Board ensured care providers that staff would benefit from fair pay and fair conditions moving forward.

1.2 – Deputation – Edinburgh Trade Union Council

The deputation made the following key points:

- The deputation requested that the EIJB ask the City of Edinburgh Council to carry out the consultation on their behalf.
- Concerns were raised over the EIJB's ability to undertake a consultation as they would not consider staff or public concerns.
- Concerns were raised over the shift from public to private sector care due to their poor reputation for working conditions.

1.3 – Deputation – Unison

The deputation made the following key points:

- The deputation proposed that the EIJB should immediately recruit nursing staff for Drumbrae, which would allow HBCCC patients to fill the vacant beds in the home and would still allow Liberton Hospital to close as planned as well as reduce HBCCC in remaining NHS units.
- The deputation requested that the EIJB abandon the closure of Ferryfield House which could accommodate the mentioned 68 HBCCC patients and allow Ellen's Glen and Findlay House to provide intermediate care.

1.4 – Report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

The Board was presented with an update on the work completed in order to aid decision making on the Bed Based care (phase 1) proposals. The report presented members with the outcomes of; Integrated Impact Assessments, engagement with Trade Unions, consultation with key stakeholders, community infrastructure and investment plan, demand profiling, modelling and projections, workforce planning, and the public consultation requirements.

Decision

- 1) To decommission the residential care model provided at Drumbrae Care Home and direct the re-provisioning of Hospital Based Complex Care (HBCCC) services within that facility.
- 2) To decommission intermediate care beds currently provided at the remaining wards at Liberton Hospital and to direct the re-provisioning of these within a reconfigured number of beds within the remaining HBCCC estate.
- 3) To decommission HBCCC beds provided at Findlay House and Ellen's Glen House and direct the re-provisioning of these within the former residential care home facility in Drumbrae.
- 4) To commission Intermediate Care beds within the bed base remaining at Ellen's Glen House and Findlay House.

- 5) To decommission the HBCCC beds provided at Ferryfield House, noting this will enable a withdrawal from the lease at intended break point and decommission the service provided there by October 2023.
- 6) To request an update to the October meeting of the EIJB on the extent of the consultation exercise including the engagement with relevant stakeholders.
- 7) To agree that the Chair and Vice-Chair would lead on providing regular updates to Board members on the consultation exercise and explore the possibility of circulating these updates to wider, interested parties including the staff, patients and families at Drumbrae Care Home.
- 8) To agree to establish a semi-formal arrangement between the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Trade Unions in order to maintain a discourse surrounding the formulation of the consultation framework.
- 9) To ensure throughout the work of the Bed Base Care Strategy that the continued modelling of population care needs is taken to provide assurance and assist with decision making for future of the EIJB.

(Reference – Report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Integration Joint Board, submitted)

3. Membership Proposal – Referral from the Strategic Planning Group

The Board was presented with a referral report from the Strategic Planning Group on the proposal to appoint a representative of the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) to the Group.

Decision

To agree to continue the report to the October 2021 Board meeting in order to seek further information on how the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils would involve, represent and communicate to communities throughout Edinburgh.

(Reference – Strategic Planning Group of 18 August 2021, item 4; Report by the Chair, Strategic Planning Group, submitted)