

# Proposal by Councillor Vicky Nicolson

## Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

13 June 2023

### 7.1 - Adult Support and Protection and Social Work & Social Care Inspection Improvement Plans

Adds the following recommendation:

- f) Notes this will be further discussed at the City of Edinburgh Council meeting on June 22nd 2023 and notes this may raise additional actions.

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### 7.2 - Medium Term Financial Strategy & 2023/24 Financial Plan Update

Replaces Recommendation 3 with:

- 3.1 Notes £160,000 has been spent since November 2022 on a contract with Gatenby Sanderson to progress the EIJB medium term financial plans. Further notes this sum was never approved at the EIJB and was kept from Councillors and the agreed off-table with the Council's Finance Committee Convenor being the only elected member involved in the decision to spend this level of funding.
- 3.2 Removes the Community transport proposal to cut services by £300,000 due to the impact on vulnerable people accessing lifeline services.
- 3.3 Notes the proposals for community equipment and agrees to the improved managed process set out in the proposal but rejects a review of criteria for provision to protect service access.
- 3.4 With regards to proposals around agency and overtime, agrees that further work will be carried out to identify the total spend on agency and separately on overtime citywide and per locality and measures to reduce this spend, including increasing pay for staff to retain within service and attract new talent into the sector, paying rates directly to frontline staff that can enhance pay while reducing the amount paid to external companies.
- 3.5 Notes the positive impact of the One Edinburgh and requests this involves a data-driven approach to enable care maximisation – without taking any additional savings and using any additional maximised capacity to provide additional care to those on the waiting lists.
- 3.6 Notes the Care Inspectorate report which found “limited implementation of self-directed support” is at odds with the contents of the report and agrees this element of saving is not agreed and comes back for future consideration when an effective SDS regime is in place to minimise claw backs of residents' entitlements and maximise the availability of creatively finding solutions and building people's strengths
- 3.7 Agrees that work to close the remaining budget gap takes learning and adopts best practise from well-performing IJB's across Scotland on the allocation of care and clinical approach to assessment of support.
- 3.8 Agrees the remaining proposals subject to regular monitoring.

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### Item 7.4 – Self-Directed Support – Direct Payments

Amends and adds the following recommendations:

- a) Notes the operational approach to determining if those in critical need have underspent;
- b) Notes the concerning impact on outcomes for people in need of removing allocated support with such a large sum “£5.6m in the 2022/23 financial year” coming back out of resident’s self-directed support accounts who have been assessed as being entitled to this funding;
- c) Notes the budget setting process and financial impacts require more consideration in relation to self-directed support with £3.4m projected claw back in 2023/24 remaining a significant level which will undermine meeting people’s needs;
- d) Notes that officers have committed to revising information for recipients of direct payments by September 2023 and publish this on the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership website and agrees that within the process prior to all claw backs, service users will be offered the opportunity to engage with Disables People’s Organisations for advocacy and guidance owed to the main reason for claw backs being the lack of service availability and failure to deliver as the service currently has an “emphasis on needs and deficits rather than building on people’s strengths and finding creative solutions” according to the Care Inspectorate findings.
- e) Requests a further report in 2 cycles identifying levels of clawback resources held at the locality levels as described in section 17 and 19 of the report and agrees this report should also set out a plan on how this process can be reformed to be fit for purpose, providing accurate levels of financial entitlements and wide enough scope of opportunities and services to creatively meet people’s statutory needs.

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