



Minute

IJB Clinical and Care Governance Committee

2.30pm, Tuesday 16 March 2021

Microsoft Teams

Present:

Richard Williams (Chair), Councillor Robert Aldridge, Helen FitzGerald, Councillor George Gordon, Martin Hill, Jacqui Macrae and Ian McKay and Colin Beck.

In attendance: Matthew Brass, Tom Cowan, Helen Elder, Sheena Muir and David White.

Apologies: Jackie Irvine and Jon Ferrer.

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the meeting of the Clinical Care and Governance Committee held on 23 November 2020 as a correct record.

2. Rolling Actions Log

Decision

To note the outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted)

3. NHS Lothian Health and Safety Committee – EHSCP Quarter 3 Update

Committee were presented with the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership Health and Safety report for Quarter 3 (Council Quarter 4). The report was referred to the Committee from NHS Lothian's Health and Safety Committee, and intended to

provide members with reassurance that the health, safety and wellbeing of staff is properly managed within the Partnership. The report also provided an update on recent Partnership Health and Safety Group activities and updated members on staff related occupational health and safety issues.

Members noted concerns surrounding the position of this Committee in relation to the paper, and felt that – especially with the serious nature of staff safety concerns – that the Committee should be playing a proactive governance role in contributing to the work done to protect staff and the report, rather than simply noting the report that is presented each meeting.

Going forward, members questioned the appropriateness of having such a detailed report on a wide range of issues presented at each meeting. Although certain aspects of the report were noted to be of interest to the Committee, member agreed that having a similar type of report presented at each meeting would be unnecessary. A shorter report detailing specific risks to integration and IJB services was agreed to be the recurring item on future agendas, with the position of this report to be considered further.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the paper.
- 2) To note the progress made to implement the Partnership's integrated health and safety framework.
- 3) To provide a short report at subsequent committee meetings on any specific health and safety risks to services delivered by the IJB, or health and safety risks that pose a threat to integration in general.
- 4) To consider including the current report as an appendix to the short report for reference.

(Reference – Report by the Head of Operations, EHSCP, submitted).

4. Care Homes Update

Jacqui Macrae presented a verbal update to Committee on the ongoing work in care homes across Edinburgh.

Members were encouraged by the continuous improvement of Covid-19 cases throughout care homes, with two homes currently reporting cases, this was noted to be a significant improvement. Testament was paid to staff in the homes who have been able to adapt and evolve as the pandemic has progressed in order to reach this strengthened position.

Members also noted the next steps for care homes as a result of the pandemic. These included reflecting and building on the lessons learned through Covid, considering if the approaches adopted through the pandemic can be broadened and become part of the usual structure, and taking into consideration the recently published Feeley Report and taking any potential concerns or optimisms from that.

Decision

To note the update.

5. Vaccinations Update

A presentation updating members on the vaccination programme throughout Edinburgh was presented to Committee. The presentation updated members on the timeline of vaccination rollout to care homes, staff clinics and housebound patients, as well as the clinical governance of the programme.

Members were assured that the vaccination programme was running to schedule, with all care home residents and housebound patients expected to have their second dose by the end of May. The current position and planned timeline going forward with the vaccination programme hoped to provide assurance to the IJB.

Concerns were expressed surrounding the problems faced/still being faced as the vaccination programme continued, with elected members and NHS staff reporting that a number of complaints had been received relating to individuals not receiving their appointment letter, or having received their appointment letter, finding that their vaccination would take place in another part of the city. It was noted that the issue was a nation-wide problem with the 'National Service Now' programme and efforts were ongoing to resolve the matter at a national level.

Moving forward, members were assured that the relevant reflection on the programme would take place and valuable lessons would be learned in a range of areas, including:

- How adverse events (wrong dosages/types of vaccine) were recorded and dealt with;
- Communication with the general population to avoid spending a large amount of time answering queries;
- Problems with software/systems;
- The impact of Covid on standard vaccination practice and how this could affect future rollouts.

Decision

- 1) To note the presentation.
- 2) To discuss offline what form a paper could be brought back to Committee that explores the local successes, difficulties and local measures adopted that differ when compared to the national programme/other localities.
- 3) To consider the impact of the vaccination programme on health care programmes delegated to the IJB and if the programme has affected the Strategic Plan.
- 4) To circulate the NHS Lothian Member Brief on answering queries on the vaccination/vaccination programme and – if permitted to – circulate this paper to all elected members in the Council to aid the response to constituent queries.

6. Edinburgh Primary Care Deep Dive

A presentation that provided a deep dive on Primary care throughout Edinburgh was presented to Committee. Specifically, the presentation gave members information on performance assurance of GPs, Primary Health Care Teams (PHCTs) as well as potential gaps in the performance monitoring of these groups.

Members took encouragement from the fact that there were no significant outliers of concern for Primary Care throughout the city, however questioned surrounding the most deprived groups' experience of Primary Care were voiced. Members noted that there should be an effort to positively discriminate between groups in regard to rich/poor in deprived/wealthy areas. It was agreed that the IJB are in a good position to address these inequalities and delegate action accordingly.

Concerns were also expressed surrounding the management and number of available Primary Care Improvement Plan (PCIP) staff, with members noting that the funding is available for the staff, but it is the staffing shortage that is the issue.

Decision

- 1) To note the presentation.
- 2) To take assurance that there is a system of governance in Primary Health Care teams and that quality improvement was core.

7. Evaluation Report on the Adult Flu Campaign 2020

Committee were presented with the evaluation of the adult flu vaccination programme in 2020 – which had been delivered for the first time by the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership.

The report gave an overview of the delivery of the vaccination programme and the challenges involved, as well as the learning points taken from the experience and the recommendations going forward for budgeting and administering the 2021 programme.

Members were encouraged by the quality of the planning and delivery of the programme, especially given it was the EHSCP's first time involved. The Drive-Thru vaccination campaign was noted to be a major success, and committee passed their thanks to Fiona Cowan and Eileen McGuire for their work on the programme. Members accepted that the flu vaccination programme was a strong example of transformative change, which has resulted in an improved outcome – the figures for this years' flu vaccination programme were better than previous years' when run by GP practices.

Decision

- 1) To note the experience of delivering the adult flu programme 2020.
- 2) To note the learning points from the experience of 2020.
- 3) To note the full cost and recommended budget for 2021.

- 4) To comment on the initial proposals (not yet included) for the 2021 programme and note that the first 2021 delivery group meeting has been organised.

(Reference – Report by David White, submitted).

8. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted to be 17 May 2021 via Microsoft Teams.