



Minute

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

10.00am, Tuesday 18 October 2022

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers Edinburgh and remotely by video conference

Present:

Board Members:

Councillor Tim Pogson (Chair), Angus McCann (Vice-Chair), Bridie Ashrowan, Heather Cameron, Councillor Euan Davidson, Christine Farquhar, Elizabeth Gordon, George Gordon, Rose Howley, Peter Knight, Grant Macrae, Jacqui Macrae, Allister McKillop, Councillor Claire Miller, Councillor Max Mitchell, Peter Murray, Councillor Vicky Nicolson, Moira Pringle, Judith Proctor and Emma Reynish.

Officers: Angela Brydon, Jon Ferrer, Jenny McCann and David Williams.

Apologies: Robin Balfour and Elizabeth Gordon.

1. Deputations

Two deputations were heard in relation to agenda item 6.2 - System Pressures Update.

a) Edinburgh Trade Union Council

The deputation made the following key points:

- Problems in recruitment and retention of social care workers had been ongoing for years – the current crisis was an accumulation of years of Local Authority underfunding.
- The additional support noted in the report would not mitigate the crisis.
- It was requested that social care staff should be offered HND or HNC courses or alternatives, as well as appropriate rates of pay, sick pay and pensions.
- Concerns were noted on the proposed Triage Team and their ability to make meaningful change in consultation with key stakeholders.
- The threat to service provision was of concern and the deputation urged the EIJB to invest in in-house provision.

b) UNISON

The deputation made the following key points:

- The deputation noted concern regarding the lack of engagement and consultation with staff and managers when identifying pressures and the actions needed to resolve.
- The report focused on long term resolutions to the crisis but there were no proposals for the immediate challenges and upcoming winter pressures.
- The deputation supported the proposals to increase the pay rates for social workers, however, suggested this increase should be extended to social care assistants.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board meeting of 27 September 2022 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

Decision

To approve the minute as a correct record.

3. Rolling Actions Log

The Rolling Actions Log updated to October 2022 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree to close Action 2 – System Pressures Update Briefing.

2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted)

4. Preparations for Winter 2022-23

An update was presented on preparations being made for winter 2022-23 and advising the winter allocation funding was £170,000.

Decision

- 1) To note progress with the preparations being made for Winter 2022/23 through the use of additional allocated funding of £170,000, along with slippage from previous years.
- 2) To note that the preparations for Winter 2022/23 were interlinked with other aligned system pressures actions (see item 5 below).

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

5. System Pressures Update

An update on system pressures and performance within the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (EHSCP) was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the current pressures on the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership and mitigating actions being taken.
- 2) To agree the EIJB would receive regular reports on system pressures.
- 3) To agree the regular reports would include further detail on the actions being taken to address the system pressures including timescales, progress against these and the impact actions were having.
- 4) To request a briefing note on the budget setting process between the IJB and the Council specifically addressing timescales, how the IJB could make representations to CEC and NHSL on staff pay and conditions ahead of the budget setting to ensure these views were taken into account, a further briefing note to also provide information on the social care structure and job roles within NHSL and CEC and where responsibilities lie for each service.
- 5) To hold a development session to discuss the workforce strategy in more detail with members.

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

6. Edinburgh's Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards for Drug Users Implementation Plan

Information on Edinburgh's Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards implementation plan was presented. Alongside the plan, the proposed governance arrangements and details on the plan's development were also presented.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Edinburgh MAT Standards Implementation plan and commit to supporting it.
- 2) To request that the Chief Officer sign the plan on behalf of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board as requested by the Scottish Government.

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

7. Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2021-22

The Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report for 2021/22 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the Chief Social Work Officer's (CSWO) Annual Report for 2021/22 attached at Appendix 1 to the report.
- 2) To agree an update would be provided on the actions being taken to address the increase in the number of emergency detention orders.
- 3) To agree the next CSWO update report would include more detail on the steps being taken to improve supervision, awareness and recording.
- 4) To confirm by email the data in Table 1 (p.16) which was noted as "N/A".

(Reference – Report by the Chief Social Work Officer and Service Director for Children's and Criminal Justice Services, submitted)

8. Finance Update

An update on the financial performance of delegated services for the first four months of the year was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the financial position for delegated services to 31 July 2022.
- 2) To note the position with covid reserves outlined in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the report.
- 3) To note ongoing tripartite discussions, led by the Chief Officer, to deliver financial balance.

Declarations of Interest

Bridie Ashrowan made a transparency statement as the Chief Executive of EVOC, an organisation in receipt of funding from the HSCP.

Grant Macrae made a transparency statement as a parent/carer of a person in direct receipt of payments from the City of Edinburgh Council and as Governor of St Columba's Hospice.

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

9. Membership Proposal for the Strategic Planning Group

A proposal to invite a representative of the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) to sit on the Strategic Planning Group was presented for approval.

Decision

- 1) To approve the proposal to invite an EACC representative to join the SPG as a member with immediate effect.
- 2) To amend the SPG Terms of Reference accordingly.
- 3) To agree to review the membership after one year.

Declarations of Interest

George Gordon made a transparency statement as a Community Councillor in Edinburgh.

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

10. Revised Edinburgh Integration Joint Board and Committee Dates

A revised Edinburgh Integration Joint Board diary for 2023 was presented. The amendments followed from meeting clashes that had occurred as a result of membership turnover.

Decision

- 1) To agree the proposed EIJB dates for 2023.
- 2) To agree the proposed Development Session and Budget Working Group dates for 2023.
- 3) To agree the proposed Committee dates for 2023.
- 4) To note meeting dates would be reviewed to ensure clashes with CEC and NHS meetings are avoided and to revise the IJB meeting date during the CEC Easter Recess.
- 5) To note meeting dates after August 2023 would be kept under review until CEC confirms its meeting calendar to avoid clashes with affected members.

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

11. EIJB Consultation Response – National Care Service

The EIJB's consultation response on the National Care Service Call for Views was presented.

Decision

To note the EIJB consultation response which had been approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the EIJB and submitted to the Scottish Parliament. This approach was in line with the agreed consultation protocol agreed by the EIJB in May 2021.

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

12. Committee Update Report

An update was provided on the work of the IJB Committees which had met since the last Board meeting. In addition to the summary report, the draft minute of the Audit and Assurance Committee was submitted for noting.

Decision

To note the work of the committees and the draft minutes.

(Reference – Report by the Chief Officer, submitted)

13. Edinburgh Assistance Programme

The Board resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item of business on grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined under Standing Order 5.9.

The EIJB was presented with an update on the Edinburgh Assistance Programme (EAP).

Decision

- 1) To note the briefing and the Initial Report from the EAP Team.
- 2) To note the actions being taken to address the recommendations.
- 3) To note that further updates and related decision making would be provided to future EIJB meetings.
- 4) To agree that any decisions to be made in response to the recommendations would be brought to the Board and if urgent decisions were required to be taken that these were reported to Board members as soon as possible.

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