

REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 25 February 2016

BY: Chief Officer

SUBJECT: Update on Actions deriving from the Integration Scheme

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report updates the IJB on the actions that East Lothian Council and NHS Lothian must take to support the IJB as laid out in the Integration Scheme

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the IJB:

- 2.1 To note the contents of this report;
- 2.2 To request a further, more detailed report to be taken to the Audit and Risk committee to consider what has been done and what further actions are required; and
- 2.3 To receive a further update report at an IJB meeting early in the new financial year.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The IJB was created through an Integration Scheme which was drawn up by NHS Lothian and East Lothian Council in response to the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.
- 3.2 The Integration Scheme laid out a series of actions to be undertaken by East Lothian Council and NHS Lothian (the partners). These can be broadly categorised into :-
- Governance - existing governance structures will be utilised to provide governance for the IJB and that the IJB will have the authority to develop additional governance committees if these are required.
 - Corporate Support Services - the partners agree to provide corporate support services to the IJB in order for it to discharge its duties. In the short term to utilise the support currently available but

in the long term to understand the needs of the IJB; what professional, technical and administrative services are required; systems to appoint Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officers; and preparing a pragmatic and sustainable solution.

- Strategic Planning – the partners will support the process of preparing the Strategic Plan and liaise with neighbouring IJBs and Lothian Hospitals Strategic Plan.

3.3 The following actions have been taken to date

- Governance –
 - NHS Lothian have undertaken work to review the remit of its committee structures;
 - East Lothian Council has updated its Scheme of Delegation to take account of the role of the Chief Officer and joint appointments under the new partnership structure. The Council's structure is different from NHS Lothian and does not have any specific social work committee, however work is currently being undertaken to review the structure and if any changes are required in light of the delegation of functions to the IJB.
- Corporate Support Services –
 - The following appointments have been made:
 - Chief Officer;
 - Chief Finance Officer;
 - Chief Internal Auditor;
 - Professional Advisors on the IJB
 - Chief Nurse
 - Medical Advisor (Consultant)
 - Medical Advisor (GP)
 - Chief Social Worker
 - East Lothian Council are providing secretariat support to the IJB;
 - Both NHS Lothian and East Lothian Council have continued their support in the development of the IJB and officers have been available to aid the implementation of the IJB including providing advice on finance arrangements, governance and professional support. This will be reviewed in the early part of the next financial year.

- Strategic Planning –
 - NHS Lothian and East Lothian Council have continued their support to the preparation of the strategic plan and the strategic planning group;
 - NHS Lothian have reviewed its strategic planning services and further support is being made available to all IJBs within Lothian. This process is ongoing;
 - East Lothian Council and the wider Health and Social Care Partnership are currently undergoing a restructure which will include a review of the current planning functions and support to the IJB.

3.4 This is an evolving process and an update report will be brought to the IJB early in the next financial year.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The partners are required to provide support as detailed in the Integration Scheme and expectations from the Scottish Government.

5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Any changes to workforce arrangements will be subject to equality impact assessments.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 In agreeing the support services to the IJB, both NHS Lothian and East Lothian Council will need to agree the financial implications and come to some agreement to balance the impact on both partners.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 East Lothian Integration Scheme

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