

East Lothian  
Integration Joint Board



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
EAST LOTHIAN INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**

**THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2016  
ESK ROOMS, BRUNTON HALL, MUSSELBURGH**

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**Voting Members Present:**

Councillor S Akhtar (Items 4 – 5)  
Mr M Ash  
Councillor S Currie  
Councillor D Grant  
Ms F Ireland (Items 3 – 5)  
Mr A Joyce  
Mr P Murray

**Non-voting Members Present:**

Dr R Fairclough  
Mr D Harvie  
Mr D King  
Mrs M McKay  
Ms M McNeill (Items 4 – 5)  
Mr T Miller  
Ms S Saunders (Items 3 – 5)  
Mr D Small  
Mr E Stark  
Mr A Wilson

**ELC/NHS Officers Present:**

Ms J Ogden-Smith  
Ms M Anderson

**Clerk:**

Ms F Currie

**Apologies:**

Ms A MacDonald  
Dr J Turvill

**Declarations of Interest:**

None

**1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EAST LOTHIAN INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD OF 22 SEPTEMBER 2016**

The minutes of the East Lothian Integration Joint Board meeting of 22 September 2016 were approved.

**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2016**

The following matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September were discussed:

**Item 7 - Delayed Discharges**

Mr Small provided an update to members indicating that while delayed discharges had remained at 60 – 70 in September there had been some improvement in October and the figure currently stood at 28. He added that a report would be presented to the December meeting but it was important for members to note the improvement meantime.

**Item 8 - Developing Specialist and Care at Home Services**

Danny Harvie referred to the commitment to provide an update on progress and revised Directions for 2016/17. Mr Small confirmed that a report would be presented to the December meeting in the form of the update on directions.

**3. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reminded members of the importance of completing their Register of Interests forms. He asked the Clerk to issue a reminder e-mail and urged members to return outstanding forms as soon as possible.

The Chair reported on his attendance at 'The Big Conversation 2' event held in Musselburgh on 3 October. He praised the organisation of the event which had been structured around the characters from the IJB's Strategic Plan, all of which were played by actors. He added that a video of the event was available and a link would be e-mailed to the members.

Mike Ash also praised the event which had been attended mainly by those receiving or providing services and he encouraged members to view the video.

The Chair also reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Association of Community Councils on 9 November where he took part in a discussion on integration and the way forward for the Health & Social Care Partnership.

Lastly, the Chair advised members that he and David Small had attended a meeting of the Belhaven Forum on 15 November. It had been a busy meeting where a range of concerns had been discussed. The next meeting of the Forum was scheduled for January 2017 and in the meantime there would be a meeting with the GP group.

#### **4. FINANCIAL ASSURANCE - UPDATE**

David King provided a verbal update to the members on the outstanding issues relating financial assurance for 2016/17. He referred to the decisions taken at the September meeting in relation to use of the Social Care Fund (SCF) and advised members that subsequent discussions with East Lothian Council and NHS Lothian had been very positive. However, further meetings would be required before definitive answers could be provided in relation to the ongoing management of budget pressures and how best to spend the remaining funds for 'additionality'.

Mr Small added that the next step would be to focus on financial planning for 2017/18. Mr King agreed and advised that a report on financial planning for 2017/18 would be presented at the next meeting of the IJB in December.

In response to questions from members, Mr King agreed to provide clarification on whether money for 'additionality' could be carried forward to 2017/18. He also confirmed that the Integration Scheme provided guidance on how and who should address budget pressures.

Councillor Currie emphasised that 'additionality' should mean just that and that monies set down for the provision of additional services should not be used to fill funding gaps or to avoid cutting existing services as a result of budget pressures.

Richard Fairclough observed that using this money to prevent cuts in services ought to be preferable to seeing services reduced.

Mr Small reminded members that the IJB did not exist in a vacuum, that the Integration Scheme required them to manage budgets along with their Partners and that financial pressures are a shared responsibility.

Peter Murray also expressed concerns and added that it was essential that the IJB had detailed financial information in advance of the December meeting to allow members to make informed decisions.

The Chair referred to concerns raised at local and national level. He agreed that a report should be presented to the next meeting and that members should be given the opportunity to discuss these issues in detail before deciding how best to move forward.

#### **Decision**

The IJB agreed that a report would be presented to the next meeting, on 21 December 2016, at which members would be given the opportunity to discuss the matter in detail.

#### **5. COCKENZIE HEALTH CENTRE – STANDARD BUSINESS CASE**

The Chief Officer had submitted a report asking the IJB to support the current position with the Cockenzie Health Centre, Standard Business Case.

Miriam Anderson presented the report. She summarised the background to the project including the options considered, the preferred choice and the governance process to be completed before final approval of the business case. She advised that the proposals had taken into account plans for housing developments at Blindwells and other local sites, as well as the aspiration to deliver more GP training and additional

clinical and secondary care services on-site. Ms Anderson concluded that the proposed budget would provide an extension and upgrade to the existing accommodation but not a full refurbishment.

Responding to questions from members, Ms Anderson confirmed that the revenue gap related to the running costs of the building and not staffing and that the new extension would address capacity issues as well as staff concerns about lone working arrangements. She outlined the proposed timescale for completion of the project and indicated that there may be potential for a phased opening of the new facilities.

Mr Small acknowledged the need to invest in services to get the maximum benefit, as well as taking account of increases in population from future developments at Blindwells and elsewhere.

Ms Anderson replied to a question on the timing of public announcements about the project. She also confirmed that the objectives of the IJB's strategic plan had been taken into account within the proposals and referred to the provision of additional community space and treatment rooms and the GPs' aspiration to deliver as many services as possible at a local level.

The Chair thanked members for their contributions and added his own support for the proposals.

**Decision**

The IJB agreed to support progress of the case through NHS Lothian governance and discussed key issues including the revenue gap.

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Councillor Donald Grant  
Chair of the East Lothian Integration Joint Board