



REPORT TO: East Lothian IJB Audit and Risk Committee

MEETING DATE: 21 February 2017

BY: Chief Finance Officer

SUBJECT: Sharing of Information with the Partners' Audit Committees

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This paper updates the Committee on its discussions at its last meeting regarding the sharing of information between the Audit committees of NHS Lothian and East Lothian Council and this Committee.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The IJB is asked to
- Note the report
 - Support the principle of sharing audit and risk reports and papers across the health and social care system

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Integration Scheme lays out the ambitions of the partners (East Lothian Council and NHS Lothian) to share governance processes with the IJB to ensure that matters which may have an impact on those functions delegated to the IJB are properly raised to the IJB's attention.
- 3.2 In terms of the IJB's Audit and Risk Committee this would mean that the partners would not only share their own audit papers that comment on functions delegated to the IJB but would also ensure that any such matters were specifically raised to the this committee's attention.
- 3.3 NHS Lothian has set up a workshop scheduled for 6 March 2017 with the other IJBs in the Lothian area to agree a set of principles to address this matter. The invitation has been extended to the Chairs of all of the IJB Audit & Risk Committees.

- 3.4 In summary, NHS Lothian is proposing that it will provide access to all of the papers from its Audit and Risk Committee and will ensure that any matters which relate to the functions delegated to the IJB are brought to the IJB's attention. NHS Lothian has already given the IJBs access to all its A&R papers.
- 3.5 Although this committee is held in public and therefore its papers are published, it is suggested be that a reciprocal agreement could be offered to NHS Lothian. This could be actioned through the CFO or the CIA
- 3.6 Similar discussions are taking place with East Lothian Council although these have not yet been finalised.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This paper is covered within the policies already agreed by the IJB.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – there are none.
- 6.2 Personnel – there are none.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting on 6 December 2016.

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