



REPORT TO: East Lothian IJB Audit and Risk Committee

MEETING DATE: 22 January 2020

BY: Chief Finance Officer

SUBJECT: Scottish Government: When is Hospital bad for your Health?

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report brings to the attention of the Committee the recent Scottish Government Health and Sport Committee publication of its findings on budget, outcomes and progress within the integration of health and social care.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Committee members are asked to:
- i. Note the publication; and
 - ii. Note the key messages as a result of this report.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Scottish Government Health and Sport Committee published a report on 3 October 2019 - "Looking ahead to the Scottish Government Health Budget 2020-21: When is hospital bad your health? "The full publication of the report can be found using this [LINK](#) .

Key Messages

- 3.2 Prolonged Hospital stays can have a detrimental effect on the health and wellbeing of the patient, particular the elderly. It is for many not a cost effective or healthy setting. An increased focus on the "front door" of hospitals is needed, reducing unscheduled care and addressing patient needs in other areas of the NHS.
- 3.3 Steps have been taken to streamline the patient journey from hospital to the community. The cost of intermediate care, home care or care homes all cost significantly less than being in hospital and further improvements would benefit the patient and the ability to deliver budget savings.
- 3.4 The level of engagement required from members of the public must become a key focus to truly transform services. Communication

strategies should be reviewed to ensure both GP's and patients have confidence and awareness of all the options for advice and care.

3.5 Leadership and financial management of the IJB budget is paramount. Recommended that a set of leadership indicators are identified requiring boards to demonstrate their achievements and progress.

3.6 Financial commitment from the Scottish Government for at least 50% of NHS frontline spending to take place in the Community Health Service by 2021. Set aside budgets and the release of savings continue to be problematic, this is an unacceptable position four years after integration and it is expected that all issues are resolved by the end of this financial year.

4 ENGAGEMENT

4.1 The IJB's Audit and Risk committee is held in public and the papers are openly available in line.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The framework focuses on supporting the implementation of the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014. There are no further policy implications arising from this paper.

6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial – none

7.2 Personnel – none

7.3 Other – none

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

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