



SBAR – IJB Integration Scheme Review

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Area: Planning and Performance

Situation	A planned review of all four IJB Integration Schemes in Lothian is currently suspended.
Background	<p>The first (2016) East Lothian Integration Scheme sets out all the functions delegated to East Lothian IJB to by East Lothian Council and NHS Lothian. The Scheme was revised in July 2019 to incorporate requirements arising from the Carers Act.</p> <p>There is a legal requirement for Local Authorities and NHS Boards to review Integration Schemes every 5 years, the duty for which lies with the relevant NHS Board Chief Executive and Council Chief Executive.</p> <p>With the arrival of COVID-19 and the requirement to focus resources, NHS Lothian reached a decision to suspend a planned Integration Scheme review process. This approach was supported by the Local Authorities in Lothian, is permissible under emergency COVID-19 legislation and has been taken for other IJB schemes across the country. It should be noted there has been no formal approval from Scottish Government for IJB Scheme Reviews being suspended.</p>
Assessment	<p>Discussions in NHS Lothian are considering when and how the reviews may be carried out, what the scope of the reviews should be and how these would align to and support the planned service prioritisation and remobilisation work set out in the NHS Lothian Remobilisation Plan.</p> <p>Although the agreement of the 4 Local Authorities has yet to be obtained and a timeframe yet to be agreed, it seems very likely the review process will not commence until later in the year, allowing a focus on recovery work, which may itself inform the Scheme review.</p> <p>Although HSCPs have no statutory duty to carry out an Integration Scheme review there is an important role for HSCP Directors and their teams to support the process. This was the case at the last revision in 2019.</p>
Recommendation	<p>East Lothian IJB is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the NHS Lothian plan to inform the Scottish Government of its intentions to work with partner Local Authorities on the Integration Scheme Review. • Agree HSCP officers should support NHS Lothian and East Lothian Council in the process of developing the revised Integration Scheme and carrying out a consultation in East Lothian.
Further Information	<p>East Lothian IJB 2019 Integration Scheme: - https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/28529/east-lothian-revised-integration-scheme</p>

