



REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 29 October 2020

BY: Chief Officer

SUBJECT: Independent Review of Adult Social Care

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Integration Joint Board (IJB) of the current Independent Review of Adult Social Care.
- 1.2 To reach agreement on how the IJB should engage with the review process.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The IJB is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the Independent Review of Adult Social care currently underway and agree to develop a formal IJB response for submission by the deadline of 6th November 2020.
- 2.2 Invite individual IJB members to provide comments to the Planning and Performance Team to inform a coordinated submission on behalf of the IJB.
- 2.3 Note that a future IJB Development Session will focus on the implications of the review for delegated services.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 1st September 2020 the First Minister announced an Independent Review of Adult Social Care as part of the Programme for Government. The independent review began immediately after its announcement and will report by January 2021.
- 3.2 The main aim of the review is to make recommendations as to how adult social care in Scotland could be improved in terms of the outcomes for people using services, their carers and families and the experience of people working in adult social care. The review will take a human rights based approach.

3.3 The key areas being considered are:

- Dimensions of high quality social care
- Needs, rights and preferences of people using social care services and supports
- The experience of staff working in the social care sector
- Regulation, scrutiny and improvement of social care
- Human rights and ethics in social care
- Commissioning and procurement
- Finance
- Potential national aspects of a social care system

3.4 The report generated by the review will include recommendations for improving adult social care in relation to any of the areas within its remit.

3.5 Phase one of the review includes seeking the views of people using social care services, staff working in them and social care provider organisations – this will be done via an open enquiry approach. Local authorities, Integration Joint Boards and NHS Boards are invited to submit their views as part of this phase. It should be noted that phase one concludes on the 6th November 2020.

3.6 Due to the tight timeframe, details of the review have been circulated in advance of the IJB meeting for members' action. A future IJB Development Session will consider the implications of the review for delegated services.

4 ENGAGEMENT

4.1 As part of the review, engagement with people with lived experience, carers and third sector organisations is being supported at a national level by the ALLIANCE¹. Further details of the engagement programme are available [here](#).

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy implications at an East Lothian level will depend on the outcome of the review and subsequent changes to national policy in relation to adult social care.

¹ The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) is the national third sector intermediary for a range of health and social care organisations.

6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 The outcome of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care has potentially significant impacts on individuals and communities and any resultant changes to service provision locally will be subject to full Integrated Impact Assessments.

7 DIRECTIONS

- 7.1 Future developments on the back of the independent review may require amendments to current directions and / or the addition of new directions.

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Financial – None
8.2 Personnel – None
8.3 Other – None

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 [Independent Review of Adult Social Care – Home Page](#)
9.2 [Independent Review of Adult Social Care – Terms of Reference](#)

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