



REPORT TO: East Lothian IJB – Audit and Risk Committee

MEETING DATE: 17 March 2021

BY: Chief Internal Auditor

SUBJECT: Internal Audit Plan 2021/22

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Audit and Risk Committee of Internal Audit's operational plan for 2021/22.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Audit and Risk Committee is asked to approve the Audit Plan for 2021/22.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The annual audit plan has been prepared in accordance with Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS).

- 3.2 In preparing the annual audit plan a range of factors have been taken into account, including:

- The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, which sets out the framework for integrated adult health and social care services
- The Integration Scheme
- The IJB Strategic Plan 2019-2022
- The IJB risk register in place
- Changes in service delivery

- 3.3 Internal Audit will evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of controls in responding to risks within the IJB's governance, operations and information systems, regarding the:

- Achievement of the IJB's strategic objectives.

- Reliability and integrity of financial and operational information.
 - Effectiveness and efficiency of operations and programmes.
 - Safeguarding of assets.
 - Compliance with laws, regulations, policies, procedures and contracts.
- 3.4 The provision of the Internal Audit service is on an in-house basis by East Lothian Council's Internal Audit Unit. In addition to the work undertaken by the in-house team, work is also undertaken by the NHS Lothian Internal Audit team – the 2021/22 Audit Plan includes this allocation of time which has recently been agreed with the NHS audit team. NHS audit planning continues until June 2021 and further discussions concerning utilising this time will continue over this period.
- 3.5 Internal Audit will adopt a risk based approach to audit assignments as the principal means of providing assurance on the adequacy, reliability and effectiveness of internal controls. Testing of controls will be carried out on a sample basis.
- 3.6 For each individual audit, a detailed audit report will be prepared for the IJB Chief Officer and copies of the audit report will be provided to External Audit and to members of the IJB Audit and Risk Committee.
- 3.7 Audit reports will highlight areas where expected controls have been met and areas where there is scope for improvement. A detailed action plan will be attached to each report listing all recommendations made and recording management responses to the recommendations.
- 3.8 Follow-up of all recommendations will be carried out, and formal follow up reviews completed for all reports graded moderate, limited or no assurance.
- 3.9 An Annual Internal Audit Opinion and Report will be prepared at the end of the financial year, outlining:
- A statement of the level of conformance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and Local Government Application Note and the results of the Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme that support the statement.
 - An opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the IJB's framework of governance, risk management and control together with a summary of the work supporting the opinion.
- 3.10 The detailed Audit Plan for 2021/22 is attached as Appendix A.

4 ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1 The Audit Plan has been discussed with Management, but does not require wider engagement.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

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 DIRECTIONS

7.1 The subject of this report does not require any amendment to or creation of Directions.

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Financial - None

8.2 Personnel - None

8.3 Other - None

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None

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APPENDIX A**AUDIT PLAN 2021/22**

AUDITABLE AREAS	SCOPE OF THE AUDIT	INTERNAL AUDIT ASSESSED RISK	WEEKS
Risk Management	Internal Audit will review the risk management processes in place, across all areas of IJB responsibility, to ensure that risks are recognised and reported at an appropriate level.	High	6
Community Hospital Service Delivery	Internal Audit will review how progress towards delivery of planned service at the East Lothian Community Hospital is being reported and monitored within the East Lothian IJB.	Medium	6
Integrated workplace processes	Internal Audit will review the management processes in place from a sample of areas where integrated management structures are now operating, to provide assurance that key risks are being identified and properly managed.	Medium	5
NHS Lothian Internal Audit Team review	The NHS Lothian Internal Audit team will complete a review relevant to the East Lothian IJB. This area will be agreed in conjunction with the NHS Lothian Audit Team.	-	-
Follow-up Audits	Internal Audit will follow-up on previously issued audit reports to ensure that recommendations made have been implemented by Management.	Low	2
Other Audit Work	Time has been allocated for other audit work including the preparation of the audit plan, self-assessment against the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) and the preparation of the annual internal audit opinion and report.	Low	1

