

Process for Appointment of the IJB Service User Representative

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<p>Situation</p>	<p>The term of office of the current Service User Representative on the IJB is coming to an end.</p> <p>A new representative requires to be appointed to ensure the views of people using health and social care services across East Lothian are included in the IJB's meetings.</p>
<p>Background</p>	<p>Four Integration Joint Boards were established in 2015 in the Lothian area to oversee the delivery of integrated health and social care services to communities in East Lothian, Edinburgh, Midlothian and West Lothian, provided through Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCPs) jointly established by NHS Lothian and its local authority partners.</p> <p>IJBs bring together health board and local authority representatives as well as clinicians, care professionals, third and independent sector, carer and service user representatives to provide governance for the planning and delivery of health and social care services.</p> <p>The arrangements for the East Lothian IJB and the Health and Social Care Partnership are set out in the IJB's Integration Scheme, most recently updated in 2022.</p> <p>All IJB members are bound by a Code of Conduct, a new version of which was approved by East Lothian in June 2022.</p>
<p>Assessment</p>	<p>The appointment process for the service user representative position is underway, with the vacancy publicised through third sector partners. The position will also be advertised in the East Lothian Courier and through East Lothian HSCP digital channels. It is hoped to appoint someone in April 2023.</p> <p>Work is also underway to appoint someone to the independent sector representative position, which has been vacant for some time.</p> <p>Towards the end of the year, as the carer representative position reaches the end of its term, a new representative will be sought.</p>
<p>Recommendations</p>	<p>The IJB is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the process underway to appoint to the soon to be vacant Service User Representative position. 2. Note the intention to appoint to the independent sector representative and carer representative positions.