



REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 24 October 2024

BY: Chief Officer

SUBJECT: Planning Older People's Services: Timeline Update

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide members with an update related to the *Planning Older People's Services* project with particular reference to the ongoing public engagement and consultation phase.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Integration Joint Board is asked to note the content of the report.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Community Hospitals and Care Homes Provision Change Board final report¹ was agreed by the IJB on 23 February 2023. As part of that report, the ELHSCP Chief Officer was asked to bring back options for the development of older people's services with a continued focus on community capacity.
- 3.2 In order to explore and develop these options the Chief Officer established a project team in March 2023. Subsequently a paper outlining the proposed engagement and consultation process was agreed by the IJB on 23rd March 2023².

4 ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1 The first Planning Older People's Services engagement phase was undertaken between August and December 2023 with the findings report published in January 2024³.

¹ <https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/pfap>

² https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/16964/east_lothian_integration_joint_board

³ https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/33891/provisioning_strategy_project_-_communications_and_engagement_report_aug-dec_2023

- 4.2 The project has now concluded its options modelling and appraisal exercises with four clear priorities identified:
- 1) Palliative and end of life care
 - 2) Polypharmacy reviews
 - 3) Intermediate care
 - 4) Technology
- 4.3 The project has now progressed to its 12-week public engagement and consultation phase, which commenced on 16th September 2024 and will conclude on 8th December 2024. This phase was launched via our regular community update⁴, advertising internally to staff via organisational newsletters and externally via social media posts.
- 4.4 A full engagement and consultation document⁵ has been produced to support this phase and provide all the necessary information so that stakeholders can submit informed comments on the identified priorities and process. Feedback can be provided on our dedicated web page (see section 9 for link), via e-mail or in person.
- 4.5 As part of this process, we are hosting a series of pop-up events⁶ within each of the major towns in East Lothian, consulting with Health and Social Care Partnership staff through our staff engagement group and working in collaboration with our well-established Independent Community Panel.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This work will respond to local and national strategic plans including the East Lothian IJB Strategic plan 2022 – 2025 whose commitment is to support people closer to home, in their own home or in a homely setting. This work is related to strategic Delivery Priority (1.1) of the IJB strategic plan.
- 5.2 The work will respond to several Strategic Outcomes (S01, S02, S03)

6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 The subject of this report is going through the Integrated Impact Assessment process with an initial IIA completed on 22nd August 2023⁷.

⁴ https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/34603/provisioning_strategy_project_-_community_newsletter_september_2024

⁵ https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/34599/provisioning_strategy_project_-_public_engagement_and_consultation_document

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https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210673/about_east_lothian_health_and_social_care_partnership/12797/planning_older_peoples_services/4

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https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/33923/planning_older_peoples_services_engagement_strategy_ia_22823

The full IIA will be undertaken and completed prior to our final report and recommendations being presented to the IJB in February 2025.

- 6.2 Copies of the IIA's associated with the Community Hospitals and Care Homes Provision Change Board work are available online⁸

7 DIRECTIONS

- 7.1 12I – Transforming Care for Older People.

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Financial – the current IJB financial position remains challenging with the 5-month financial position indicating an overspend of c. £7.2m. Further recovery actions will be necessary, or partners will be required to provide additional resources.
- 8.2 At this stage of the project work, only indicative financial estimates have been developed and have a wide variability. In order for any recommendations or proposals to be progressed they will have to be delivered within the existing financial envelope or as part of a redesign of service provision.
- 8.3 The ongoing IJB financial planning activity and its relationship with the Planning Older People's Services work is tracked and reviewed by our Project Team as part of the project risk register and issues log.
- 8.4 Personnel – it is too early to state the impact on staffing other than highlighting the staff shortages and pressures that there are currently within the system. However, as part of option development there will be full engagement with the HSCP Joint Partnership Forum.
- 8.5 Other – N/A.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 [Project website](#)
- 9.2 [Public engagement and consultation page](#)
- 9.3 [Planning Older People's Services options modelling and development report \(July 2024\)](#)
- 9.4 [Planning Older People's Services options appraisal results report \(August 2024\)](#)

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https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210558/social_care_and_health/12776/east_lothian_health_and_social_care_partnership_integrated_impact_assessments

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