



Minutes of a meeting of the **Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board** held virtually via teleconferencing facilities on Tuesday 24 March 2020 at 10am

Present:

(v) Dr S Mather (Chair)	(v) Cllr D Parker
(v) Cllr J Greenwell	(v) Mr M Dickson
(v) Cllr S Haslam	(v) Mrs K Hamilton
(v) Cllr T Weatherston	(v) Mr J McLaren
(v) Cllr E Thornton-Nicol	
Mr M Porteous	Mr R McCulloch-Graham

In Attendance:

Miss L Ramage	Mr R Roberts
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1. APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies had been received from Mr Tris Taylor.

The Chair confirmed the meeting was quorate.

The Chair reminded members that only voting members and select officers were asked to join the virtual meeting due to the current Covid19 pandemic constraints and priorities.

The Chair advised that feedback had been collated virtually and a summary was circulated the previous day.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair sought any verbal declarations of interest pertaining to items on the agenda.

The **Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board** noted there were none.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board held on 19 February 2020 were approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The **Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board** noted the action tracker.

Due to the virtual nature of the meeting the Chair advised that, after the introduction of each report, officers would address the circulated feedback and expand where necessary. Members could then verbally request further clarity timeously and where appropriate.

The Chair and members gave verbal thanks to all key workers who continue to support the local community during this difficult time.

5. DISCHARGE PROGRAMME FUNDING MODEL

Mr Rob McCulloch-Graham provided an overview of the report which gave an evaluation of the Discharge Programme presented to the last Integration Joint Board. It proposed a whole system approach to fund the continued operation of the services within the Discharge Programme: Home First, Waverly Transitional Care Facility, Garden View, the Matching Unit and Strata.

No further comments were made on the circulated feedback document.

Mr Ralph Roberts welcomed the direction of travel detailed in the report in principle to support the ongoing redesign / development of Older Peoples services, however placed emphasis on the level of risk in relation to two issues to be aware of when the IJB were supporting the recommendations.

Firstly, members must recognise that there would be an impact on implementation timescales and therefore costs as a result of Covid-19. A level of risk would be carried alongside the agreement of the report, as the assumptions used within the report were based on a non Covid-19 baseline.

Secondly, an aspect of the funding source for the Discharge Programme was reliance on the closure of a Department for Medicine of the Elderly (DME) Ward in Summer 2020 and the re-investment of a proportion of the savings from this into the Discharge programme and a proportion towards the Health Boards underlying deficit. It was therefore important to recognise that agreement to the report recommendations indicated that the IJB and partners were accepting this was the appropriate use of re-investment from any ward closure

The Chair commented that issues related to the Covid-19 pandemic would be unavoidable. A discussion ensued on the impact of postponing a decision due to Covid-19, encase of potential implementation disruptions. Mrs Karen Hamilton advised that a similar discussion had taken place between NHS Scotland Chairs who took the view to proceed with decision making processes as far as possible, with a clear caveat on services and financial risk.

Mr Rob McCulloch-Graham advised members that the local extent of Covid-19 was unknown and may well present severe demand challenges; the proposed Discharge Programme would be critical in the provision of essential capacity to support the acute team. In addition, the actions detailed in the report would have been proposed regardless of current Covid-19 issues.

Members agreed to add an additional recommendation to the report as a caveat of Covid-19 ramifications.

The **Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board** approved the funding allocations from the Transformation Fund 2020-2021, detailed in Table 2, paragraph 8.4.

The **Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board** approved that the “Step Down” facilities of Waverley Care Home be merged with the operations of Garden View, as soon it is practical and safe to do so.

The **Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board** approved that the IJB receives a further paper outlining a detailed “Direction” on the reduction of hospital beds.

The **Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board** noted that, should the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic become overwhelming, there would be an increased level of risk associated with timeline of model implementation, additional demand on service capacity and the associated unknown expense.

6. INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD 2020/21 – 2022/23 FINANCIAL PLAN

Mr Mike Porteous provided an overview of the report which presented members with the proposed Joint Financial Plan from 2020 to 2023 for formal approval. Members were asked to note that the cost of the Discharge Programme was set in the context of the overall Financial Plan.

As part of the reflection on the circulated feedback, Mr Ralph Roberts asked that an additional paragraph is added to the report to further emphasize that NHS Borders currently predicted a balanced Financial Plan for 2020/21, subject to the identified assumptions / savings plans and receipt of agreed brokerage from Scottish Government.

Members agreed to amend the recommendations to change “approve” to “accept” the provision of resource in 2020/21 and to reference forthcoming IJB directions following the partner body contributions.

The **Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board** accepted the Provision of Resources from NHS Borders (£135.417m) and Scottish Borders Council (£51.477m) for 2020/21.

The **Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board** noted that in line with the scheme of integration any expenditure in excess of these delegated budgets in 2020/21 will require to be funded by additional contributions from Partners provided all appropriate steps have been taken to deliver a balanced position.

The **Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board** noted that direction detailing the allocation of resource would be issued to partner bodies after IJB ratification in due course.

The **Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board** noted that Partner bodies expect a financial impact from the work to address Covid-19. This paper assumes these costs will be separately identified and will not impact on the delegated function budgets.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Rob McCulloch-Graham thanked Dr Stephen Mather for his time as the IJB Chair and wished him all the best in his retirement.

The Chair thanked colleagues for their support and participation over the years, and wished Cllr David Parker and Mr Malcolm Dickson all the best as the new IJB Chair and IJB Vice Chair.

The Chair advised an IJB Development Session was due to be held on 22 April 2020, however the continuation of the session would be informed by local response to Covid-19.

This session was subsequently cancelled

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting of Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board would take place on Wednesday 20 May 2020 at 10am in the Council Chamber, Scottish Borders Council.

The meeting concluded at 10.40am.

Signature:
Chair