

Proposed Closure of a Partial Minor Injuries Unit included within Edington Hospital, leaving the ongoing Minor Injury Service within GP practice, North Berwick- Children’s Wellbeing Impact Assessment (Interim)

Carried out on 11th March 2024 from 9am – 10.30am by Teams.

Attendees

| Name | Job Title | Date of IIA training |
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| Gillian Neil | General Manager, Access and Ongoing Care, ELHSCP | |
| Thomas Miller | NHS Lothian Unions’ Representative | |
| Steve Elliot | Clinical Nurse Manager, ELCH | |
| Guy Whitehead | General Manager, Mental Health and Learning Disability, ELHSCP | |
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1. Which articles of the UNCRC does this policy/measure impact on?

- Article 3 (best interests of the child) The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.
- Article 6 (life, survival and development) Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential
- Article 23 (children with a disability) A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families,
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What impact will your policy/measure have on children's rights?

(how will it address the rights outlined above?)

- **Positive** – the closure of the Edington Minor Injury unit facility will ensure that children receive appropriate treatment in an appropriate setting by appropriately qualified and resourced staff, albeit not in North Berwick. This approach ensures that parents of children who are experiencing asthma attacks or have sustained undetected fractures will now have to go straight to A&E, without any loss of valuable treatment time. This is where they should be going.
- **Positive** – the Edington is not particularly accessible for people with disabilities, including children and young people. Their treatment will now have to be received in other facilities which are more accessible.
- **Positive** – the Edington does not offer gender neutral facilities. LGBT young people will now have to be treated in other health care setting in which the facilities are gender neutral.
- **Negative** – loss of access to treatment for cuts and bruises, as this service is not supplied by CTACS. **Mitigation: this treatment can already be accessed at the local GP practice or in some cases dealt with by getting support from NHS24 or local community pharmacy.**
- **Negative** – some children may have to travel further afield for care. **Mitigation: this treatment will be more appropriate and effective.**

3. Will there be different impacts on different groups of children and young people?

No

4. If a negative impact is assessed for any area of rights or any group of children and young people, can you explain why this is necessary and proportionate? What options have you considered to modify the proposal, or mitigate the impact?

See mitigations above.

5. How will the policy/measure give better or further effect to the implementation of the UNCRC in Scotland?

It will ensure that children experiencing asthma attacks or carrying undiagnosed fractures will be sent straight to A&E, rather than losing valuable time going to the Edington and having to be sent on to A&E. Ankle fractures are easily missed without access to Xray and

the failure to diagnose such a fracture can have life-long consequences.

6. How have you consulted with relevant stakeholders, including involving children and young people in the development of the policy/measure?

We have taken account of engagement feedback from parents, who are instrumental in presenting with their children at the Edington.

7. What evidence have you used to inform your assessment?

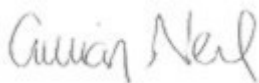
- Data regarding use of minor injuries at the Edington
- NHS Scotland protocols regarding the treatment of asthma
- NHS Scotland protocols such as the ankle pathway.
- NHS Scotland and NHS Lothian good practice guidelines
- National standards for patient care.

8. How will the impact of the policy/measure be monitored?

- Further Integrated Impact Assessments and Children Rights and Wellbeing Assessments.

9. How will you communicate to children and young people the impact of the policy/measure on their rights?

By communication with the community, including parents, about how to deal with accidents and injuries by accessing NHS24, the local GP surgery, Minor Injuries Units in Edinburgh and A&E.



Signed (head of service) – General Manager, Acute and Ongoing Care, ELHSCP

Date – 21st March 2024