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Welcome

East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership is working with East Lothian residents to plan older people's services.

This community update provides a summary of the most recent stage of the project, the hurdle criteria assessment, and the results.

View the full report online here:

[POPS – Hurdle Criteria Results Report – March 2024](#)

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Important Update: Integrated Joint Board 2024-25 Budget Decisions

On Thursday 28 March 2024 East Lothian's Integrated Joint Board met, and agreed, a balanced budget for 2024-2025. This was undertaken in the context of an extremely challenging financial landscape, requiring difficult decisions to be made to deliver savings in excess of £10 million.

[Further details regarding the budget decision can be viewed online here.](#)

The outcome of this budget setting process will have a direct impact on the feasibility and viability of some of the short-listed options detailed below. This will be documented and detailed as part of the next appraisal stage of this project.

Project overview: planning older people's services

East Lothian's population is changing, and people are living longer. We know many older people want to stay at home for as long as possible. We need to develop high quality, sustainable services that will make this possible. But we don't want to do this alone. We want the people of East Lothian to be part of this.

As part of our Planning Older People's Services project, ELHSCP wants to identify, design and develop services together with you, that will benefit each of East Lothian communities for generations to come.

Engagement activities

Between August and December 2023, ELHSCP organised a series of community engagement events, which formed the first part of the co-design process. The programme of events involved direct engagement with 702. The online survey provided 141 individual responses, and the team received 11 printed questionnaires.

Together, the engagement activities accumulated 2,458 individual pieces of feedback and/or suggestions on how we can improve older people's services in East Lothian.

This included 314 suggestions, which were consolidated to form 105 long-list options, which were each individually assessed against four pre-set hurdle criteria.



Hurdle Assessment

The task of assessing the 'long-list' of options against the Hurdle Criteria fell to the overarching Project Team and the Independent Community Panel.

Hurdle Criteria

1. *Will the option lead to increased wellbeing and improved outcomes for service users in East Lothian?*
2. *Will the option enhance service and clinical sustainability and is it able to evolve and adapt to meet future need? (e.g. does it meet the health and wellbeing needs of the present population, without compromising those of future generations?)*
3. *Will the option provide fit for purpose infrastructure that supports East Lothian's current and future older population?*
4. *Will the option achieve long term financial viability?*

Each member of the assessment panel was asked to individually review the long-list suggestions against the four hurdle criteria questions above via an online survey in advance of the face-to-face exercise which was held on 21 February to review and confirm the outcomes of the options.

Hurdle Criteria Result

Following the hurdle criteria assessment, a total of 61 options were added to the 'Short List'.



Short List Options

Each of the 61 short list options are detailed in the report.

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They each fall under one of the following themes:

Short list themes



Next stages

We have now completed the first three stages of the Planning Older People’s Services Project Development.

Timeline



Timeline may be subject to change.

The next phase of development is to investigate and model each of the 61 short listed options.

The scoping and modelling will involve assessing the demand for each option, identifying the resource and cost implications, looking at projected timescales for delivering the suggestion, benefits and risks.

Once this activity has been completed each option will be assessed again in terms of desirability, feasibility, and viability as part of an options appraisal exercise. It is anticipated that this assessment will be completed by June 2024, following which there will be a public consultation on the proposed recommendations.

It is worth noting that some of the options may not require further development and may be referred to Health and Social Care Partnership staff for immediate action.

Questions

Should you have any questions, or you would like provide feedback on the engagement process to date, please contact the project team via email engagement-hscp@eastlothian.gov.uk



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