



REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 24 October 2024

BY: Chief Officer

SUBJECT: Proposed Musselburgh Day Centre for Older People
(Financial Recovery Programme)

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to update the Integration Joint Board on the proposed course of action regarding the development of a Day Centre for Older People in the Musselburgh, Wallyford & Whitecraig areas.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The IJB is asked to approve the following recommendation:

Due to the financial requirement on East Lothian IJB to identify £6.4 million in savings, the development of the Musselburgh day centre will pause, pending a wider review of day care provision within health and social care. The budget of £144k will contribute to the 24/25 financial recovery programme.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The development of the day centre in Musselburgh area was agreed by the Integration Joint Board as part of the Community Transformation Programme in October 2023. Musselburgh is the only Area Partnership ward without day centre provision for older adults with complex needs. The proposal for the new centre aligned with national policies and guidance and the strategic plan for the Partnership including a focus on early prevention and intervention. In addition, it supported the Carers Strategy 2023-2026 and East Lothian's Dementia Strategy 2023-2028.
- 3.2 There remains a high level of unmet need for older people with complex needs in Musselburgh and surrounding areas. There are currently 31 people on the list waiting to be allocated care, equating to 220 hours per week. Around 22% of those diagnosed with dementia live in the Musselburgh, Wallyford and Whitecraig area.
- 3.3 Without the day centre in Musselburgh the delivery of preventative support will be reduced, in addition Unpaid carers will have fewer

opportunities for respite. The impact is hard to quantify; preventative approaches involve multiple factors and medium-term outcomes. This multidimensional nature makes it difficult to isolate the effects of a single intervention. There are a number of community support services that are in place to support the residents of Musselburgh and surrounding areas, including the Meeting Centre, Community First, and The Hollies, but they do not provide regulated care for adults with complex needs.

- 3.4 The external commissioning process for Day Services for older people across East Lothian commenced in Autumn 2023 with a two-stage approach; following the first stage two providers were shortlisted and interviewed in January 2024 for the Musselburgh Centre. For all other centres the successful applicant was the existing provider and contracts were put in place. However, due to the financial uncertainty within East Lothian HSCP, the commissioning process was paused in February 2024 and has not progressed. There is therefore no contract in place with a provider for Musselburgh. The shortlisted providers have been advised of this proposal to pause the commissioning of the centre.
- 3.5 The other 9 day centres will contribute to the review process. However, they are under contract until 31 March 2030 with a contract review point in March 2026.

4 ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1 Widespread engagement was undertaken with communities and stakeholders as part of the service design process and in relation to the development of the related Dementia strategy and Carer Strategy.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The commitment to develop the centre in Musselburgh is a key strand of the approved East Lothian Dementia Strategy. It is also aligned to the Carers Strategy and meets the IJBs Strategic Objectives set out below:

1. Developing services that are sustainable and proportionate to need
2. Deliver new model of community provision working with communities
3. Focus on prevention and early intervention
4. Enable people to have more choice and control and provide care closer to home as appropriate
5. Further develop / embed integrated approaches and services
6. Keep people safe from harm
7. Address health inequalities

6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 An interim Integrated Impact Assessment was carried out which considered ceasing the commissioning process. This identified significant negative impacts on people with protected characteristics and as a result the proposal is now to pause commissioning whilst a review is conducted. A further IIA will be conducted and presented as part of the review process.

7 DIRECTIONS

- 7.1 **D18j** Community Transformation - to develop the approach to day services based on providing high quality, community-based services, accessible to residents with complex needs over 65 across the county. Day service provision should be available in order to fulfil the responsibility to provide breaks from caring.

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Financial – the recommended course of action will help to deliver the Financial Recovery Programme by releasing a saving of £144k this financial year.
- 8.2 Personnel – None
- 8.3 Other – The site identified for the centre at Rosehill Community Campus is now being utilised by other council services.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 East Lothian Dementia Strategy and Technical Report:

[East Lothian Dementia Strategy 2023-28 | East Lothian Council](#)

[East Lothian Dementia Strategy 2023-28 Technical Report | East Lothian Council](#)

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