**East Lothian Partnership Governance Group**

**Friday 22nd April 2022**

**2.00pm – 4.00pm**

**Teams Meeting**

Apologies from: Judith Tait, Mark McMullen, Iain Gorman

Present: Katie Dee, Jocelyn O’Connor, Audrey Cumberford, Sharon Saunders, Douglas Proudfoot, David Milne, Phil Conaglen, Kirsty MacDairmid, Lesley Brown, Maureen Allan, Monica Patterson, Paolo Vestri, Toby Renouf

1. **Resident Survey**

Publication of results have had to be delayed for research company to make minor amendments. Results will be available soon. Paolo will put Residents’ Survey on the next meeting agenda and will circulate results to members as soon as they are available.

1. **Poverty Plan**

New East Lothian Poverty Plan was approved October 2021, first meeting of working group in March 2022: key areas of work:

* Review performance indicators
* Reviewing of data in light of changes due to COVID. Producing comprehensive East Lothian Profile with local and ward-level data
* Final version of Poverty Profile to be ready in spring/summer
* Benefits campaign working group to meet 3rd May to develop benefits advise take up campaign to run in autumn
* Work on proposal for allocation of Scottish Government £750,000 COVID Recovery Fund

**Updates on this work will be provided at the next meeting (27/06).**

Monica Patterson would like to see a report reflecting impacts on child protection as we move out of the pandemic.

**Action: Judith Tait, Maureen Allan (or someone else from third sector), Jocelyn O’Connor, someone from NHS to work on this report collaboratively and report back at next meeting (27/06).**

1. **Recovery and Action Plan Framework**
* Plan being taken forward in the form of a reporting framework
* Douglas Proudfoot and Paolo Vestri meeting chairs of relevant strategic partnerships to ensure compliance with this framework

Paolo Vestri outlined structure of the Recovery and Action Plan Framework document (6 columns)

1. Each outcome having a number of actions
2. Each action with an identified lead service or partner
3. Reporting group to whom the lead service/partner will report into (that group will then report into the Governance Group)
4. Outcome measures
5. Indicators
6. Resources (financial resources, or existing strategy)

Plan to put in place a scheduled timetable for reporting groups reporting into governance group meetings.

Monica Patterson asked whether the strategic partnership chairs should all be invited to governance group meetings; Douglas Proudfoot suggested that he and Paolo Vestri could act as conduits where necessary recognising the time constraints on individuals.

David Milne raised the importance of the Community Planning Improvement Board (as a possible contributor?); and also the need to keep an underlying coherence to the framework, recognising the scope and complexity of the piece of work.

Paolo Vestri mentioned spring/summer work to renew the East Lothian Plan, likely based on the Recovery and Renewal Plan and the recovery/renewal work within the various partnerships.

Douglas Proudfoot highlighted the likelihood that the plan will likely move from COVID recovery, to something much wider

1. **Commercial Sexual Exploitation -** Kirsty MacDiarmid, the Public Protection Manager (Public Protection Office), supporting the work of the Public Protection Committee for East and Midlothian

Seeking a governance home in East Lothian for the Commercial Sexual Exploitation Position Statement (also Midlothian).

**Action: Judith Tait to attend a future meeting of Public Protection Committee to look at how East Lothian strengthens its response across partnership groups.**

Equally Safe strategy is under process of review at present. CSE briefing paper was adopted as a position statement in 2018 but recognise that this needs to be strengthened.

PPC developing supporting guidance for professionals and agencies.

Next steps:

* Revised position statement will go to Public Protection Committee in August
* Support and guidance will come to Critical Services Oversight Group to sign off

**Action: Judith Tait will come back to this Governance Group to have wider discussion on how the Equally Safe strategy can be progressed more widely across the partnerships**

Kirsty MacDairmid raised issue of short-term funding for services addressing violence against women and girls as well as CSE, and the need to join up better with other strategic partnerships.

Leslie Brown asked about connecting CSE approach to child protection services.

Kirsty stressed the importance of connecting services as many women involved with CSE have experienced sexual exploitation/abuse in childhood. First two elements of Equally Safe strategy are about early intervention.

Violence Against Women and Girls Delivery Subgroup (VAWGDS) has representation from colleges and universities to address women in these institutions who may have been trafficked.

**Action: Paolo Vestri to schedule update from Judith and VAWGDS at next meeting to decide how this work fits into partnership for governance arrangements.**

1. **Partnership and Place Teams (Public Health) – Philip Conaglen/Katie Dee**

Looking at where the offering from Public Health can align with other partnerships - eg in recovery and renewal plans.

From Public Health Directorate and NHS Lothian review, it was felt that there is not enough dedicated resource to support specialist function in the partnership space.

Public Health Directorate has been reorganised and formed under the Population Health team.

Formed four partnership and place teams, one for each local authority area, specialist public health teams will link them to delivery partners.

Priorities in East Lothian:

* Building public health capacity
* New intelligence team formed within NHS Lothian to provide data-driven interventions/health and well-being
* Looking to share outputs and collaborate with delivery partners
* Commissioning large population health survey
* ELC will act as an anchor institution to ensure NHS Lothian is linking up with communities and responsibly employing, using capital assets and procuring; and community wealth building
* Tackle health inequalities
* Focus on prevention and tackling wider determinants of health

Two project managers being recruited for East Lothian team

Plan to work with community planning partnerships around outcome improvement plans and recovery and renewal plans; anchor institution work; children’s partnerships; poverty and anti-poverty work around sustainable economy; community placemaking, housing, homelessness and transport.

Priority work in relation to Recovery and Renewal Plan:

* Preventative work around public health and well-being
* Healthy communities
* Active Travel

**Action: Philip Conaglen to share slides**

Maureen Allan pointed out the importance of qualitative data in illustrating public health related messages to the wider public and ensuring messages and approaches are community-led.

1. **Covid Response**

Updates:

**Connected Economy Group (Douglas Proudfoot)**

* Meeting scheduled W/C 25/04 (meetings are every two months)
* Delivery of Scottish Government grant is largely delivered
* Uncertainty around ongoing UK Government funding to replace European money

**Community Justice Partnership (Jocelyn O’Connor)**

* Meeting scheduled for first week in May for sponsors to discuss ongoing work streams in relation to COVID, Ukraine, rising fuel prices etc

**Children’s Strategic Partnership (Lesley Brown)**

* Last meeting 25th January
* Focus on Children’s Parliament team giving feedback on Children’s Services Plan
* Continued focus on mental health support and family support
* Next meeting 26/04
* Main priorities are: considering response to National GERFEC(?) refers for Scottish Government; and considering priorities for next plan (2023-26)

**East Lothian Council (Sharon Saunders)**

* 26/04 is 100th meeting of East Lothian COVID Oversight and Concurrent Risks Group
* Winter and multi-agency activity drawing to a close
* Recognising refugee risks (Ukraine)
* Seeing significant interest in East Lothian for events etc
* Ongoing challenges with staffing - absence and recruitment
* Services are looking at lessons learned through business and continuity plans, this will be factored into the work of the oversight group going forward

**NHS Lothian (Katie Dee)**

* High numbers of patients in hospital with COVID, but numbers coming down
* High occupancy at hospitals, often over 100%
* Staff absences are improving
* Testing and contact tracing service stepping down at end of April

**Police Scotland (Jocelyn O’Connor)**

* High levels of absence impacting as having to pay unprecedented amounts of overtime

**Scottish Enterprise (Lawrence Wyper)**

* Significant engagement with local business, often online
* Re-opened offices, staff on permanent hybrid work model
* Government published National Strategy for Economic Transformation in March
* Working on a 100 day action plan to guide activities
* New three year business plan - N600 day plan and SE Business Plan to be published in June
* Lawrence to update at next Governance Group meeting (27/06)

**Third Sector (Maureen Allan)**

* Difficulties in recruiting volunteers
* Report provided
1. **Schedule of Future Meetings**
* Next meeting scheduled for 27/06
* Plan to make future meetings two-monthly at least for next year

**Action: Paolo Vestri and Toby Renouf to circulate dates/times for future meetings**

* Meet the Partners face to face event planned for 30/05, 4:30-6:00pm at Brunton Theatre,

**Action: Paolo Vestri and Toby Renouf to circulate details/event invite to group and elected members**

1. **AOB**

Monica Patterson reminded members that given the dynamic situation with world events, if issues come up before the next meeting, these can be raised with members immediately.

Sharon Saunders suggested meeting Maureen Allan to update on ELC response to Ukrainian refugee crisis.