

# Report

## Non-Voting Membership

### Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

15 July 2016



#### Executive Summary

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1. The Joint Board has previously considered individual requests from organisations for non-voting membership. Such requests continue to be received, and a process to rationalise these applications is needed. This will ensure requests are reviewed holistically, and a considered assessment given of how the Joint Board's membership might be enhanced. It is therefore proposed that such membership requests are pooled and considered together annually.

#### Recommendations

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2. To agree to consider all requests for non-voting membership of the Joint Board annually, at its first meeting in each financial year.

#### Background

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3. The Joint Board's membership is prescribed in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014. This defines the voting and non-voting membership, and also gives scope for the Joint Board to appoint additional non-voting members.
4. The Joint Board's current non-voting membership comprises representatives from staff and trade unions; service users and carers; the Third Sector; senior Council/NHS Lothian officers and clinicians, and the Professional Advisory Committee.
5. With a total membership just short of thirty, it is understood the Edinburgh IJB currently has one of the largest and widest-ranging membership in the country.

#### Main report

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6. Requests for non-voting membership continue to be received on an ad hoc basis. The Joint Board refused such a request from Scottish Care in September, and Unite have also recently made a similar request,

7. In order to ensure requests are considered in a fair and consistent way, it is proposed that all outstanding membership requests are considered together, at the start of each financial year. This will allow the IJB an overview of any significant gaps in representation, and inform its decision-making.

## Key risks

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8. There may be a resultant delay in responding to organisations applying early in the reporting cycle.

## Financial implications

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9. There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

## Involving people

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10. The Joint Board has an extensive public engagement plan. Meetings of the Joint Board are open to the press and public, and agendas and reports for Joint Board meetings are published on line in advance.

## Background reading/references

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The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014.

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## Links to priorities in strategic plan

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