

ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL STAKEHOLDER GROUP

Purpose of the Group

The purpose of the Group is to strengthen communications and promote shared understanding among stakeholders by meeting regularly to discuss areas of future joint interest in line with the remit set out below. The Group complements and will operate in a manner consistent with the NHS Board's governance model and broader planning processes.

Remit

1 The St John's Hospital Stakeholder Group will consider:

- further development of services at the St John's site to ensure its sustainable future as an acute, emergency hospital;
- related site infrastructure matters, such as car parking and transport; and
- further integration of health and local authority services in areas of common interest, such as tackling health inequalities, economic regeneration, transport infrastructure and the effect of inward investment on healthcare infrastructure.

2 The Group may also initiate and discuss, prior to implementation, any revised proposals affecting services at St John's, to ensure that they take account of local circumstances. Key to such discussions will be ensuring that all viable options have been considered, whilst recognising that it is the responsibility of NHS Lothian to ensure that services are safe, sustainable and consistent with clinical best practice and national policy.

3. The Group will strengthen communication links to the population of West Lothian as well as existing staff briefing arrangements. To ensure effective and early communication, the Group will ensure early "fact checking" prior to public pronouncements or motions.

4. The Group's discussion will be regularly reported to the Board of NHS Lothian and to the Executive of West Lothian Council.

5. The Group may recommend to NHS Lothian and where necessary to the Board proposals for its consideration and determination.

Membership

Chair: To be agreed by NHS Lothian and West Lothian Council. For the initial period of 2 years the Chair will be a West Lothian Councillor. Thereafter the Chair will rotate between West Lothian Council and NHS Lothian.

3 elected members of West Lothian Council (including the chair)

3 NHS Lothian Board non Executives (to include chair following rotation)

1 Patient representative selected by the Patients' Forum

1 Staff representative selected by the Area Partnership Forum

Frequency of meetings

Meetings should be held monthly with dates to be agreed at the first meeting of the group.