

New Chief Officer appointed to Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

The Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) has confirmed that Christine Lavery has been appointed as the new permanent Chief Officer.

The appointment to the almost £200,000 role follows approval by the council and the EIJB. The board says Christine has a “wealth of experience”, most recently as Chief Officer of Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership. She moves into the role at a time when the board has a deficit of £51 million.

Christine Lavery, new Chief Officer of the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership said: “I’m excited to join the Partnership and begin working with my new colleagues to provide care to the people of Edinburgh. Key for me will be continuing the good work that has been achieved over the past year and leading the Partnership to deliver our services to the highest possible standards.”

Christine has spent her career working in public sector health and social care and is “committed to delivering high quality integrated health and social care services, striving to provide better outcomes for people and communities”.

Katharina Kasper, Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board, said: “I am delighted to welcome Christine to the

Partnership and the Integration Joint Board. She is taking on this important role as an established leader with a record of achieving results. She will take the Partnership forward, delivering our new strategic vision, and I look forward to working with her to support Edinburgh's most vulnerable people."

The Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership is responsible for delivering community and bed-based health and social care services for adults in Edinburgh.

This work is directed by the EIJB and largely delivered by the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership.

The Partnership is made up of over 5,000 colleagues employed by both the City of Edinburgh Council and NHS Lothian who work in health centres, GP practices, community hospitals, care homes, nursing homes and communities across the city.

The EIJB is led by an integrated Executive Leadership and Senior Management Team and provide services through the four localities of North East, North West, South East and South West. We also work closely with many charities, the third sector and independent health and social care contractors and providers.