

Annex

Note of 26 September meeting at PAEP

As outlined in the briefing the key attendees included Miles Briggs, Sylvia Paton, the Chair of the Keep Edinburgh Eye Pavilion Campaign Group, Sarah Boyak and Ben McPherson. The Cab Sec met with Jim Crombie, Deputy CE NHS Lothian before meeting with the local MSPs and wider staff at the PAEP. Jim gave an overview of the issues impacting on the PAEP building, including asbestos and the timeframe for the contractors to complete the upgrade works.

It is expected that the work will be completed within 4-5 months but they have built in extra flexibility in case other issues come to light when building works commence. There was also some discussion around the cost of the work required, which was in the region of £1.8M. The costs from migration of services both revenue and capital are still to be completed and will be additional to these.,

The Cab Sec then met with the clinical team at the PAEP, alongside the local MSPs. A few issues were highlighted including the impact on patient safety, the transfer of patient records, the requirement for patients to travel and impact on staff and clinical teams. Cab Sec was clear that patient safety was essential and recognised the planning work the Board was taken to ensure minimal impact. Other key issues raised was the need to minimise travel for patients and that those with the greatest need received their treatment within the board area.

The Cab Sec also recognised the previous commitment to building a new Eye Pavilion but also noted the very challenging fiscal position.

Cab Sec was clear that Lothian engagement with local MSPs and patients, stakeholders was ongoing and transparent. He also sought commitment to being kept up to date.