

#### **IJB43. Joint Loan Equipment Service Review - Proposed New Service Delivery Model**

The Integration Joint Board considered a report by the Head of Integration presenting the future delivery model options for the provision of equipment and aids across Forth Valley by the Joint Loan Equipment Service (JLES).

The report considered the conclusions of the independent review by an external consultant and the evaluation of the four service delivery options. The review included 1 to 1 interviews and focus groups with frontline practitioners, service users and carers, senior managers, Joint Loan Equipment Service staff and the Strategic Planning Group. Input was also provided by funding partners Falkirk HSCP, Clackmannanshire and Stirling HSCP and NHS Forth Valley including a best value assessment.

The preferred option (option 4) provided a unified Forth Valley Community Equipment Service. Technical and financial assessments were involved and associated consultation. The final proposal with associated additional funding would be submitted to partners in April 2022. Should the proposal receive Board approval, implementation required all funding partners supporting the proposal and reporting through relevant partner governance mechanisms.

#### **Decision**

**The Integration Joint Board agreed that option 4, detailed in the report which recommended a unified Forth Valley Community Equipment Service, be progressed for further technical and financial development work and consultation with service users, carers and other key stakeholders.**