



HS Paper 4/17

BOARD MEETING: 17 February 2017

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Recommendation/action required:

The Board is asked to note the paper.

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3 February 2017

CHAIR'S REPORT

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to the Board on activities and matters involving the Chair which are not covered by other papers on the agenda.
2. Annex A to the paper gives a full list of the meetings and events I have attended since the last Board meeting and I am happy to take any comments or questions on those. The main body of the paper highlights any particular points arising from my meetings which I think you should be aware of.

Meeting with Aileen Campbell, Minister for Public Health and Sport, 30 November 2016

3. The Chief Executive and I met with the Minister to discuss the Public Health Review. We reinforced our support for the establishment of a new, national public health body and our commitment to assist constructively in its formation. Subsequent feedback from the civil servants present about the meeting was positive, and since then of course we have had confirmation of the intention and timetable for establishing the new organisation.

Senior Leaders' Forum, 11 January 2017

4. The Chief Executive and I also attended the NHS Scotland Senior Leaders' Forum on 11 January. Gerry will say more on this in his report, but all I would emphasise at this stage is the clear expectation of Scottish Government that both the territorial and national boards are now expected to increase the extent of shared resource and financial planning. This will have some implications for our budgeting and use of shared services and we will report back on this as these become clearer.

Health Inequalities Forum, 24 January 2017

5. This was an internal event, one of a regular series which Health Scotland holds in partnership with other organisations. This particular event reported on research we have supported into the challenges faced by disadvantaged groups, in this case the homeless and female asylum seekers, in accessing health services. The topic itself was fascinating but more generally these events are a useful way of getting a more in-depth taste of some of the work we carry out in the field, something I know that Board members regularly express an interest in. I know that any Board member interested in attending future forums would be very welcome.

NHS Scotland Chairs' meeting, 30 January 2017

6. The Chairs received a presentation from Bill Thomson, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland, on a research project they are undertaking into the value of diversity on public boards. I will be attending a further meeting on this with the Commissioner and a small group of Chairs on 16 February. There was a brief update on Sir Harry Burns' review of targets, which is scheduled to report in September, and further reinforcement from the Minister for Public Health and Sport on the importance of joint planning across the Boards.

Finance and Resource Implications

7. There are no finance and resource implications as such arising from this paper.

Staff Partnership

8. There are no partnership issues arising from this paper.

Communication and engagement

9. There are no specific communications issues arising from this paper which are not addressed through other relevant plans.

Corporate Risk

10. Any risks associated with this update are incorporated within related project plans.

Promoting Fairness

11. There are no issues arising from this paper.

Sustainability and Environmental Management

12. There are no specific issues arising from this paper.

Action/ Recommendations

13. The Board is asked to note the paper.

David Crichton
Board Chair
3 February 2017

MEETINGS ATTENDED AND FORWARD SCHEDULEMeetings attended since the 26 November 2016

28 November 2016	Polishing our Gems: a call for action on childhood Obesity.
30 November 2016	Meeting with Minister for Public Health and Sport
9 December 2016	Board Development Session
16 December 2016	Staff Governance Committee
11 January 2017	Senior Leaders Forum
13 January 2017	Health Governance Committee
20 January 2017	Meeting with Equality and Human Rights Commission
24 January 2017	Health Scotland Health Inequalities Forum
30 January 2017	NHS Chairs' meeting
1 February 2017	Audit Committee
3 February 2017	Board Seminar

Forward Schedule

22 February 2017	Senior Leaders Forum in Stirling
23 February 2017	The Gathering
2 March 2017	Declaration 2017
13 March 2017	Equality and Human Rights Commission Brexit event