

BOARD MEETING: 17 February 2017

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE

Recommendation/action required:

The Board is asked to note the paper.

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Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to the Board on activities and matters involving the Chief Executive and Directors which are not covered by other papers on the agenda.

Meeting with the Minister for Public Health and Sport

2. With our Board Chair, I met with the Minister for Public Health and Sport on the 30 November 2016 to offer our support in The Scottish Government Response to the recommendations of the Public Health Review, now outlined in the Health & Social Care Delivery Plan published on 19 December 2016.

Health and Social Care Delivery Plan Implementation

3. The NHS Scotland Senior Leaders Forum, at their meeting on the 11 January, discussed the implications of the Delivery Plan and specifically the important role of three regional board groupings. It is proposed that these groupings will in time be allocated a single financial envelope and required to deliver a transformation plan. It is likely that national special boards will have the same requirement.

Maximising Patients Income

4. Myself and the Head of Population Health, met with Alison Johnstone MSP, at her request, to discuss our approach to maximising patients income within NHS Scotland services.

British Sign Language

5. I met with Alison McCallum, Director of Public Health at NHS Lothian on the 7 December as part of the leadership role we are taking in developing an NHS Scotland improvement approach to users of British Sign Language.

NHS Health Scotland and our work in the West of Scotland

6. I met with Carol Tannahill from the Glasgow Centre for Population Health and Dr Linda de Caestecker on the 22 December 2016 to discuss Health Scotland's specific public health contribution in the West of Scotland. One specific outcome is that I have now been invited to become a member of the new NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Public Health Committee.

SNAP Health and Social Care Action Group meeting

7. I attended, along with the Director of Strategy, a meeting of the SNAP Health and Social Care Action Group at the offices of the Alliance in Glasgow on the 18 January.

Child Poverty Lead

8. I, and the Health Scotland Organisational Lead for Child Poverty, met with the Scottish Government lead for Child Poverty on the 1 February to discuss the Scottish Government's plans for the Child Poverty Bill and the potential role of NHS Boards. The meeting was requested by the Scottish Government Lead to discuss what the potential actions could be to engage with NHS Boards.

Complaints

9. From 16 November 2016 to 9 January 2017 we received 114 complaints, which were all intended for other health bodies. The complainants were all advised to contact the relevant NHS Board or Practice Manager at their GP or dental Surgery; or passed directly to the appropriate NHS complaints team or Scottish Government department.

During this period concerns were also raised from members of the public about two different NHS Health Scotland information materials; a Bowel Screening leaflet and the Ready Steady Toddler! Book. Both information resources are being reviewed at the moment and the concerns raised will be taken into account when updating the materials.

Finance and Resource Implications

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

Staff Partnership

11. There are no partnership issues which are not addressed through other relevant plans.

Communication and engagement

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

Corporate Risk

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

Promoting Fairness

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

Sustainability and Environmental Management

15. There are no specific environmental issues arising from this paper.

Action/ Recommendations

16. The Board is asked to note the paper.

Gerald McLaughlin
Chief Executive
3 February 2017