

BOARD MEETING: 24 March 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.

Health and Social Care Delivery Plan – Public Health Body

2. Chief Executives of NHS Boards have been considering how best to implement the Delivery Plan and to meet the ambitions to operate more effectively across boards to both drive improvements and identify potential efficiencies.
3. Scottish Government has now arranged a preliminary meeting to bring together the principal stakeholders to begin the work of identifying an agreed set of public health priorities and to bring forward proposals for the new public health body for Scotland. The preliminary meeting is scheduled for Friday 7 April 2017.

Chartered Institute of Housing Event

4. I co-chaired a session, Foundations for Wellbeing: Reconnecting Public Health and Housing, at the Housing Festival '17, launching a report from ScotPHN about housing and health titled *A Practical Guide to Improving Health and Reducing Inequalities*. The session was very well attended, with plenty of engagement from the audience. The session highlighted the importance of public health to leaders in public housing organisations. There was widespread praise for the quality of the report and toward NHS Health Scotland for its investment in this area. Whilst there were calls for attention to support specific groups – older people, homeless people, vulnerable groups and young people – the key issue is the creation of sustained and effective strategic partnerships that forge the common purpose of housing and public health interests.
5. NHS Health Scotland has taken the recommendations from the ScotPHN report and used them to develop its work programme around housing and health for 2017/18. We will be working across a number of areas including the development of both the housing and health workforce, strengthening local strategic planning to ensure health is a key outcome in local housing strategy and the provision of useful and usable evidence and data. We have begun to forge some really strong and effective relationships with housing colleagues and are now well connected into a range of national housing groups. Our housing and health work programme forms the basis of a strategic agreement we now have in place with Shelter Scotland which will also address some of the key issues highlighted by Graeme Brown (interim CEO Shelter) at our last Annual Review.

Brexit Meeting – Scottish Leaders

6. I attended this breakfast event on the 1 March 2017 at which the Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe briefed Scottish Leaders on progress to date and sought views on the challenges facing organisations notably on implications for the economy, changes to freedom of labour movement and research and collaboration.

Ministerial Advisory Group on Child Poverty

7. I attended the Ministerial Advisory Group on Child Poverty on the 2 March 2017. The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities updated the group on the expected timetable for implementation of the Child Poverty Bill.

Chief Executives Meeting 7 and 8 March 2017

8. I presented a draft plan with our Head of Learning and Improvement to support improvement across NHS Scotland in meeting the needs of British Sign Language users. The need for this had been highlighted by the Equality and Human Rights Commission in Scotland.

Complaints

9. From the 10 January to the 15 March we received 99 complaints which were all intended for other health bodies. The complainants were all advised to contact the relevant NHS Board or Practice Manager or their GP or dental surgery; or passed directly to the appropriate NHS complaints team or Scottish Government department.

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
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