

**Board meeting: 16 February 2018**

**Chair's report**

**Recommendation/action required:**

The Board is asked to note the paper.

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Board Chair

Sponsoring Director:

**8 February 2018**

## 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 details of my forward schedule 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.
3. With the Christmas and New Year break intervening since our last meeting, it has been a relatively quiet period in terms of external meetings and events.
4. **NHS Chairs Meetings with Cabinet Secretary, 4 December 2017 and 29 January 2018**

The meetings with the Cabinet Secretary received presentations on the progress being made by the territorial boards in delivering more regionalised working. The National Boards collaborative work is to be presented at the next meeting on 26 March. Also at that meeting I have been asked to present on Homelessness and Health.

An encouraging feature from the recent Chairs' meetings has been more unprompted recognition by the territorial boards of the role of public health improvement and the preventative agenda. The east region plan, for example, included a specific section on population health with a priority on reducing the incidence of Type 2 diabetes.

5. **Meeting with Andrew Scott and Gareth Brown, Scottish Government, 27 November 2017**

The Chief Executive and I met with our sponsoring department to review progress towards establishment of the new public health agency.

6. **Meeting with Elizabeth Ireland, Chair, and Colin Sinclair, Chief Executive of NSS, 8 December 2017**

The Chief Executive and I met with Elizabeth and Colin to discuss areas where we can jointly prepare for the establishment of the new public health agency – work which is already under way – and to consider the challenges facing Board governance during this transition phase.

7. **Meeting of National Boards' Chairs and Chief Executives, 7 February 2018**

The Chief Executive's report also reports on this meeting, which both he and I attended. I was encouraged by the level of detailed work now underway to define and test the value of the potential areas of collaborative work and shared services.

Given the discussions at our last Board seminar and at earlier meetings, I raised our points regarding the governance implications of increased collaborative working. I was reassured by the discussion at the meeting. All of the other Boards are alert to this and there was agreement that governance planning should be incorporated explicitly in the detailed proposals for each new area of collaboration or shared service, defining the point at which new arrangements would be needed, the form they should take and the means of reporting back to individual Boards to allow them to scrutinise resources and performance.

**Finance and Resource Implications**

8. There are no finance and resource implications as such arising from this Paper.

**Staff Partnership**

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

**Communication and engagement**

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

**Corporate Risk**

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

**Promoting Fairness**

12. There are no issues arising from this paper.

## **Sustainability and Environmental Management**

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

## **Action/Recommendations**

14. The Board is asked to note the paper.

**David Crichton**  
**Board Chair**  
**8 February 2018**

**Forward schedule**

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| HIS Parliamentary Reception | 21 February 2018 |
| National Masterclass Q1     | 26 February 2018 |
| EHRC Meeting                | 28 February 2018 |