

**BOARD MEETING: 26 AUGUST 2016**

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Recommendation/action required:**

The Board is asked to note the paper.

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David Crichton  
Board Chair

**Date: 18 August 2016**

## **Purpose of Paper**

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

## **Health Scotland Annual Review**

2. Our Annual Review will take place on 18 October in Surgeon's Hall, Edinburgh. This year the Review is a non-Ministerial event. Our preparation for the Review is well under way and more detail will be provided at the Board meeting. It is not essential that non-executive Directors attend the Review but anyone interested in doing so will be very welcome.

## **Other meetings and events**

3. On 23 June I attended the Scottish Awards for Business Excellence at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre, along with the Chief Executive and other members of staff. We were delighted to receive the Recognised for Excellence award, the first Health Board in Scotland to achieve this. The Award reflects so well on the culture, performance and reputation of Health Scotland and gives us a baseline for further improvement using the EFQM framework. It is a success for everyone in Health Scotland though I would like to pay special tribute to the team which steered us through the very rigorous assessment process undertaken by Quality Scotland.
4. On 4 July I took part in a teleconference called by the Director General of Health for Chairs and Chief Executives. The call was to discuss the implications of the EU Referendum outcome for NHS staff in Scotland. The aim was to agree what specific reassurances could be given to non-UK EU citizens regarding their future employment in the NHS and to share any concerns that EU staff had raised. This was the first of a series of calls on the same matter.
5. I met with the recently appointed Chair of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Martin Temple, on 26 July. Martin was visiting Scotland to meet HSE stakeholders here. We covered the areas of joint working between HSE and Health Scotland and discussed potential future work related to the health implications of changing work environments and employment conditions.
6. On 3 August, I attended a small working group of NHS Chairs which has been delegated by the overall Chairs' Group to prepare recommendations to the DG Health and the Cabinet Secretary on how the Chairs might contribute more fully to the Transformation Programme currently under way in NHS Scotland.
7. My thanks again to all non-executives and executives who attended our Board Seminar on 11 August to discuss the next stage in revising Health Scotland's strategy for 2107-2022. It was a constructive session and it provides continued assurance that the Board has had regular opportunities to contribute to the development of the strategy.

8. I have been asked to join an oversight group for the implementation of the National Clinical Strategy (NCS), and attended my first meeting on 17 August. The group comprises some Chairs, Chief Executives and senior Scottish Government officials and was previously responsible for steering the preparation of the NCS. It has now been reconvened with some new members to oversee the implementation phase.

### **Forward Schedule**

9. The next meeting of the Chairs' group is on 22 August and I will report back on any significant outcomes at the Board meeting.
10. On 25 August, the Chief Executive and I will be meeting the Chair and Chief Executive of Food Standards Scotland to continue discussions on our shared interests and scope for further cooperation. I will provide a brief update at the Board meeting.

### **Communications**

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

### **Risk**

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

### **Equality and Diversity**

13. There are no specific equality and diversity issues arising from this paper.

### **Environment**

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

### **Action/Recommendations**

15. The Board is asked to note this paper.

**David Crichton**  
**Board Chair**