

BOARD MEETING: 18 MARCH 2016

CHAIR'S REPORT

Recommendation/action required:

The Board is asked to note the paper.

Author:

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David Crichton
Board Chair

Date: 9 March 2016

Purpose of Paper

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.

Other meetings and events

2. I attended the NHS Chairs' meeting on the 8 February 2016. Much of the discussion was around the budget settlement and the formation of Integrated Joint Boards, with updates also provided on progress towards shared services and a new development programme for board-level talent leadership and talent management. Sir Lewis Ritchie gave a presentation on his review of out of hours services.
3. Later that day, along with other recently appointed Chairs, I met with the Cabinet Secretary, Shona Robinson, the Minister for Public Health, Maureen Watt, and the Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health, Jamie Hepburn, as part of our induction programme.
4. I took part in the Board Seminar on the 19 February 2016, an overview of which will be provided as part of this Board meeting.
5. On the 22 February, along with the Chief Executive, I attended the NHS Scotland Senior Leaders' Forum comprising Chairs and Chief Executives of all the Boards along with senior NHS Scotland officials.
6. I attended the Essential Skills for Board Members course delivered by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) on the 24 February 2016. I have since been considering the best means of further skills development for Board members and will bring proposals to the Board as soon as possible.
7. On the 2 March 2016, I attended a conference on Health and Welfare Reform organised by NHS Health Scotland and the Scottish Government at Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh. Alex Neil, the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights gave the opening address and once again spoke positively about the work of NHS Health Scotland. I spoke on the right to health and the economic consequences of health inequalities. Gerry McCartney presented some of the Scottish Public Health Observatory's recent research. Sir Michael Marmot also spoke at the event – very powerfully and persuasively.

Forward schedule

8. Looking ahead, my forward schedule for the next few weeks so far includes:
 - A Health and Homelessness Reception in the Grassmarket Centre, Edinburgh.

- Participation in our stakeholder engagement programme to consult on the preparation of A Fairer Healthier Scotland 2 (AFHS2). This will include meetings with Professor John Connell, Chair of NHS Tayside on 16 March and Professor Elizabeth Ireland, Chair of NHS National Services on the 21 March.
- On the 17 March I will attend the Institute of Director (IOD) Director of the Year Awards in the Crowne Plaza hotel in Glasgow where I will present our award for the Director Award for a Carer Friendly Healthy Workplace.
- On the 22 March I will attend the Scottish Government's full day induction session for new Board Chairs. I also plan to join briefly a meeting taking place that day between the Chief Executive and Naomi Eisenstadt, the Scottish Government's Independent Advisor on Poverty and Inequality and author of the "Shifting the Curve" report.

Communications

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

Risk

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

Equality and Diversity

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

Environment

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

Action/Recommendations

11. The Board is asked to note this paper.

David Crichton
Board Chair