

**BOARD MEETING: 18 MARCH 2016**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE**

**Recommendation/action required:**

The Board is asked to note the paper.

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### **Purpose of Paper**

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.

### **Monitoring and Evaluating Scotland's Alcohol Strategy (MESAS)**

2. The final report from Monitoring and Evaluating Scotland's Alcohol Strategy (MESAS) was published on 1 March 2016 and received wide news coverage. This was the final output from the current phase of MESAS, a six year programme of work delivered in partnership with ISD. The report concludes that the Scottish Government's alcohol strategy has had a positive impact on alcohol consumption and harms over the past 5 years and that factors external to the Strategy have also contributed to the declining harms. It cautions that the harms caused by alcohol in Scotland remain at a high level, improvements may have stalled in recent years, and that more needs to be done to ensure improvements continue, including the implementation of a minimum unit price (MUP) for alcohol. The report can be accessed at <http://www.healthscotland.com/documents/26884.aspx>.
3. The outputs and the relationships built with Scottish Government through the work have had a number of positive impacts. The learning from MESAS will inform the current refresh of the alcohol strategy. While not the primary source of evidence underpinning the case for MUP, MESAS has informed and supplemented this evidence and will continue to do so. Health Scotland is planning communication activity around the evidence review in the Scottish Court in June. We are prepared to resume planning for the evaluation of MUP dependant on the outcome of the evidence review in June.
4. The work has been an invaluable source of data for the third sector advocacy organisations, particularly for Scottish Health Action for Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) lobbying on MUP in Europe. Health Scotland has been asked to lead a session with staff from the Analytical Services Division (ASD) across government on the approach and how it could be adapted to other policy evaluations. We have been asked to take a similar approach to the monitoring and evaluation of obesity policy in Scotland.

### **Healthy Working Lives Service Re-design**

5. The Healthy Working Lives Programme (HWL) Board, which is chaired by Paul Stollard, met on Friday 26 February to receive and consider the draft HWL Implementation Plan for 2016/17. The Programme Board endorsed the draft plan and associated key performance indicators and agreed to review progress at its next meeting in September. All 15 NHS Board partners are committed to making the new delivery arrangements work, though it is clear that there are likely to be risks in relation to local capacity due to budget

pressures beyond the influence of NHS Health Scotland. This has been highlighted within the Corporate and Master Risk Registers, and an update paper on progress with Healthy Working Lives redesign will provide further detail on this. Originally scheduled for the March Board meeting, this paper will now be brought to the May meeting of the Board in order that the Programme Board Chair will be able to contribute to the discussion.

### **The Food Train, Glasgow**

7. On Tuesday 1 March I spent the morning with the Glasgow Team of The Food Train, a registered charity, voluntary organisation and social enterprise providing vital support services to enable older people to live independently at home for as long as possible.

### **Scottish Declaration of Rights Festival**

8. Health Scotland sponsored and partnered the first Scottish Declaration of Rights Festival in Glasgow from 3 - 6 March. This was part arts festival/part conference covering all 30 Articles of the UN Human Rights Convention, although our aim was to bring a particular focus to the right to health throughout the 4 days. The event was well attended, with a varied and engaged audience. The teams behind this for Health Scotland will meet shortly to reflect on overall impact and benefit to our involvement in this kind of initiative.

### **Stakeholder Engagement – A Fairer Healthier Scotland 2 (AFHS2)**

9. A number of meetings for myself and Directors are in the process of being set up to engage with high influence, high impact stakeholders. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the strategic direction of AFHS2. At the meetings discussions will centre around the stakeholder's view of what is required in terms of having the greatest impact on the realisation of a fairer, healthier Scotland and lead to a wider conversation around Health Scotland's leadership for this.
10. An internal staff engagement plan has been developed and was discussed at the Partnership Forum meeting on the 25 February.

### **Meetings/Event Attended**

11. Since the last Board meeting on the 5 February 2016 I have attended the following meetings/events.
  - Health & Social Care Partners Group – 16 February 2016.
  - NHS Scotland Senior Leaders Forum – 22 February 2016.
  - Dundee Fairness Commission – 23 February 2016.
  - Early Learning and Childcare National Summit – 25 February 2016.
  - NHS Chief Executives' Finance and Strategy meeting – 9 March 2016.
  - Early Learning and Childcare Strategic Forum – 10 March 2016.

### **Complaints**

12. From 29 January to 10 March 2016 we received 17 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 Surgery, or passed directly to the appropriate NHS complaints team.

### **Finance and Resource Implications**

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

### **Communications**

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

### **Risk**

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

### **Equality and Diversity**

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

### **Environment**

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

### **Action/Recommendations**

17. The Board is asked to note this paper.

**Gerald McLaughlin**  
**Chief Executive**  
**10 March 2016**