

**BOARD MEETING: 21 AUGUST 2015**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE**

**Recommendation/action required:**

The Board is asked to note the paper.

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Chief Executive

**6 August 2015**

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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.

### **Functional Alignment**

2. The partnership change advisory group (CAG) continues to oversee the process. Significant items to report include the conclusion of consultation for the Delivery directorate and a move to implementation. As a result, one of the new Head of Service posts has been filled internally and the other three have been advertised nationally.
3. The Healthy Working Lives proposals were finalised and a 90 day consultation period commenced on 10 August. Continued progress has been made to finalise implementation in the Strategy directorate and the Chief Executive's office.

### **Care Experienced Children and Young People**

4. Following the Board's successful workshop with Who Cares Scotland we are making arrangements to make the appropriate level of learning available to all of our staff. We are also exploring ways to support wider promotion of the learning for NHS boards, for example by determining whether it is possible or practical to host the online module or promote it within our broader e-learning systems.

### **Inequalities Briefings**

5. We published the first in our new series of Inequality Briefings on 30 July. The briefing, Health Inequalities: What are they? How do we reduce them? sets out evidence-informed actions to reduce health inequalities and improve health. We will be producing briefings on a monthly basis covering issues central to achieving the aims of A Fairer Healthier Scotland. The briefings will provide concise, plain English explorations of topics including good work, welfare, the rights to health, older people, housing and homelessness, mental health and children and young people.
6. We received a large amount of positive feedback on the first briefing from across the public sector and third sector, from academic and political stakeholders and from as far away as Australia and New Zealand. The following is a snapshot:

New Zealand College of Midwives:

*"I have just read your first Inequality briefing and would like to applaud you for this excellent document. As a postgraduate public health student, it is heartening to see a national health system endorsing such an approach, particularly advocating for structural change rather than health promotion at a behavioural level."*

Director of Public Health:

*"I want to congratulate you and your colleagues on this excellent publication, to which I will give wide distribution in Tayside. It really is a very readable guide to a highly complex topic, and I think it will be very useful to a wide range of stakeholders. I would be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to the authors."*

Clinical Lecturer, MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow:

*"New pithy briefing from NHS Health Scotland: Excellent and practical summary."*

### **Partnership Working with Improvement Service**

7. We met with the CEO of the Improvement Service on the 22 July and have now agreed a joint programme of work to support Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) in respect of outcome planning improvement.

### **Complaints**

8. From 25 May to 13 August 2015 we received 12 complaints which were all intended for other health bodies.
9. The complainants were all advised to contact the relevant NHS Board, Practice Manager at their GP surgery, or passed directly to the appropriate NHS complaints team.

### **Finance and Resource Implications**

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

### **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.

**Gerald McLaughlin**  
**Chief Executive**  
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