



HS Paper 40/18

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### Chair's Report

#### Recommendation/action required:

The Board is asked to note the report.

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14 November 2018

## Chair's Report

### Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to the Board on my activities since our last meeting and on matters which are not covered by other papers on the agenda.
2. **Board Seminar**  
A note of the discussions at our Board Seminar on 5 October is attached for information.
3. **Board Chairs Conference**  
A two-day Board Chairs Conference was held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October. Much of the discussion was around how the Chairs as a group could respond to the new Cabinet Secretary's priorities and more generally to the overall transformation objectives of the NHS in Scotland. It was agreed to structure future Chairs meetings around the four main themes of: Governance; Reform and Innovation; Integration and Performance; and Workforce and Leadership, with sub-groups of Chairs established for each. I will be joining the sub-group working on governance, the first meeting of which took place on 21 November.
4. **Four Nations Committee**  
Along with Gerry McLaughlin, Andrew Fraser and Marion Bain of the Public Health Reform Team I took part in a meeting on 22 October of the Four Nations Committee. This is an initiative led by Public Health England to encourage greater coordination and collaboration across the lead public health bodies in each of the four nations. Following the meeting, we have agreed with Public Health England and Marion that Scotland's involvement in the Committee would now be more appropriately managed through the reform team.
5. **Public Health Reform Oversight Board (PHROB)**  
I attended the 6<sup>th</sup> PHROB meeting on 25 October 2018 and will cover the main points from the meeting under the appropriate item on our agenda.
6. **Board Chairs Group Meeting**  
I attended the Board Chairs meeting on 29 October, where the Cabinet Secretary reinforced the priority she is placing on increasing the pace of NHS reform, reducing waiting times and improving governance.
7. **Faculty of Public Health Conference**  
I spoke to the Faculty of Public Health Conference on 1 November 2018 on a rights-based approach to health, sharing a platform with Judith Robertson of the Scottish Human Rights Commission, Professor Paul Hunt from the University of Essex and Cath Denholm.

**8. National Boards Collaboration**

I have received a response from Shirley Rogers, Director of Health Workforce, Leadership & Service Transformation Directorate regarding the work on national boards collaboration, and a copy is attached for information.

**9. Finance and Resource Implications**

Any finance and resource implications arising from the governance matters mentioned above will be covered during the meeting.

**10. Staff Partnership**

Any partnership issues arising from our governance considerations will be reported during the Board meeting.

**11. Communication and engagement**

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

**12. Corporate Risk**

Any additional risks associated with this update will be covered during the meeting.

**13. Issues Associated with Transition**

The key change and transition issues have been identified in the items noted above.

**14. Promoting Fairness**

There are no issues arising from this paper.

**15. Sustainability and Environmental Management**

There are no specific issues arising from this paper.

**16. Action/Recommendations**

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**David Crichton**  
**Board Chair**  
**14 November 2018**