



HS Board Paper 7/19

Board Meeting: 15 February 2019

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Chair's Report

Recommendation/action required:

The Board is asked to note the report.
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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. It has been some time since our last meeting on 23 November and my main activities since then have been in three broad areas: continuing to advise and support the public health reform process, in particular trying to ensure that NHS Health Scotland's perspectives and priorities remain influential as we move into the sharp end of establishing Public Health Scotland; contributing to the Board Chairs' work on improving corporate governance across the NHS in Scotland; and taking any available opportunities to promote our work at external meetings and events.
3. **Place Standard Alliance**
I spoke at and chaired the Place Standard Alliance event in Edinburgh on 6 December 2018. The Alliance provides a forum for organisations and individuals involved in applying the Place Standard to share resources, ideas and lessons learned. Members include local authorities, third sector organisations, architecture and design practices, academics and other national bodies such as Scottish Natural Heritage and Sports Scotland. The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government, Aileen Campbell MSP, spoke at the event. I was struck and delighted by how firmly embedded the Place Standard has become as a practical tool for planners, designers and community groups. It has moved very quickly from the concept that we helped develop to an established tool in the planning system – something we can point to as a major achievement and a great credit to the Health Scotland staff involved in leading it.
4. **Corporate Governance Steering Group**
I am a member of the Corporate Governance Steering Group set up by the NHS Board chairs and chaired by John Brown, Chair of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Interim Chair of NHS Tayside. Della Thomas is also a member, representing the Board Secretaries and Governance leads. We both attended its latest meeting on 18 January. The implications of the Group's work for our own governance approach are covered elsewhere in the agenda.
5. **Global Citizenship Programme Board**
I am also a member of the Global Citizenship Programme Board and attended its last meeting on 16 January. The Board is providing oversight of an initiative to bring some structure, quality assurance and consistency to the large amount of international development assistance that volunteers across NHS Scotland are providing.

6. Board Chairs Group

There have been three meetings of the Group since our last Board, on 10 December 2018, 28 January and, on 11 January, a special meeting convened by Paul Gray. These recent meetings have primarily focused on responding to the Cabinet Secretary's immediate priorities for the NHS in Scotland.

7. Links to Policing

I would not normally report on my role with the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) but two events are I think worth noting. On 4 December last year, I attended the Scottish International Policing Conference in Edinburgh which was themed on a public health approach to policing. Also, the SPA's Board Meeting in Kilmarnock on 30 January included a discussion on trauma-informed policing, and on the previous day the Board was briefed on the extent to which Police Scotland's Ayrshire Division is using NHS Health Scotland's work on Adverse Childhood Experiences to train officers and change operational practice. The Fifth International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health is taking place in Edinburgh on 21-23 October this year and I am hoping that we can have a presence there.

8. Part III Board Meetings

I wrote to Board colleagues on 4 February proposing that we defer the Part III meeting scheduled for 15 February and review nearer the time the need for our next planned Part III meetings on 18 May and 23 November.

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

The Board is asked to note the report.

David Crichton
Board Chair
7 February 2019