



Approved Minutes 03/18

# Health Governance Committee

## Minutes of Health Governance Committee

**Thursday 13 September 2018 at 10.30 a.m.**  
**Room 23, Gyle Square, Edinburgh**

### **Members present:**

Paul Stollard (Chair)  
Jane-Claire Judson  
Paul McColgan  
Michele McCoy

### **In attendance:**

David Crichton  
George Dodds  
Gerry McCartney  
Gerry McLaughlin  
Wilma Reid  
Aileen Simpson  
Jennifer Legodi (shadowing)  
Catherine Combe (minute)

### **Apologies:**

Andrew Fraser  
Della Thomas

### **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed Jennifer Legodi who was in attendance shadowing the minute taker.

### **1. Declaration of Committee Members' Interest**

No members' interests were declared.

### **2. Minute of previous meeting: 4 July 2018**

The minute of the previous meeting held on 4 July 2018 was agreed as an accurate record subject to the following amendment:

- Page 2, item 5 – “not” to be removed from second paragraph, line 7.

### **Action:**

- **Catherine Combe** to amend minutes.

### **3. Matters Arising (Action List)**

Agreed actions from the meeting held on 4 July 2018 were noted:

- **Item 4 – Forward Planner: HGC Work cycle**  
Complete.
- **Item 5 – Strategic Priority 1: Fairer and Healthier Policy**  
Complete.
- **Item 7 – Governance of Risk**  
Complete.
- **Priorities Planning for 2018/19**  
Gerry McLaughlin, Chief Executive outlined the planning process for next year. It was agreed that the priorities should be amended to include a strategic priority for mental health. Gerry confirmed that this would be discussed in more detail at the forthcoming Board Seminar. It has been agreed that a light touch should be adopted for planning but that planning will be undertaken for a full year of activity. It was noted that the Commissioners will be in attendance at the seminar.

**4. SP Improvement / Learning feedback**

George Dodds, Director of Health Equity & Health and Work provided an update of his reflections of the public health priorities and his efforts to ensure that these are better framed as being part of whole system working. He explained that a working group has been formed to look at how best to implement public health activities and reframe public health effort throughout Scotland.

George Dodds confirmed that there have been proactive changes in the financial planning following on from the last committee meeting with additional resources being allocated by the Commissioners Group.

**5. Strategic Priority 3: A Fair and Inclusive Economy (HGC paper 11/18)**

Gerry McCartney, Consultant in Public Health & Head of Public Health Observatory spoke to the paper in which it was requested that the Health Governance Committee review and comment on the strategic priority delivery and how best to shape the Health Scotland legacy to Public Health Scotland. It also presented an opportunity to review aspects of work and plan any required changes for the future.

It was highlighted that the scope of SP3 covers all of the Health and Work activity in which there has been a shift in the balance of resources. Gerry highlighted the example of our work in relation to the new Scottish Social Security system which has been challenging but influential and has involved engagement with stakeholders (Health Impact Delivery Group). Health Scotland is chairing the steering group overseeing the citizen income pilot and are currently developing a business plan which will be considered in March 2020. It was acknowledged that Health Scotland is working hand in hand with the Scottish Government to develop policies to address power inequality.

Gerry McCartney explained that the diversity of skills to achieve this is being reviewed to consider if this can be met by recruitment or via collaboration with other agencies.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee said that the paper had been enjoyable and had illustrated the core values of Health Scotland. It was agreed that the set of evidence built up over the years will provide strength for the future to continue in Public Health Scotland.

George Dodds highlighted that he had attended a recent meeting at Perth and Kinross in which evidence produced by Health Scotland was used in conjunction with a tenant group to agree a fair rent for social housing. They have been able to achieve 83% of their tenants having affordable rent.

Michele McCoy, non-executive was keen that access to expertise and collaborative work to enable maximisation of resources should be adopted in the future for Public Health Scotland. It was felt that Health Scotland had been a catalyst to bring stakeholders together. Gerry McLaughlin, Chief Executive acknowledged that engagement is important and gave an example of COSLA engagement which led to the inclusion of a public health representative on each of their Boards. He stressed that much of the work of Health Scotland will migrate to Public Health Scotland which will retain an independent voice / influence.

It was noted that the anticipated the increased opportunity to agree priorities with ISD in the future Public Health Scotland would be beneficial. It was felt that Health Scotland needs to be assertive over its contribution and support requirements to maintain momentum within Public Health Scotland. David Crichton, Chairman noted that City Deals will include Inclusive Growth proposals in the forthcoming year.

George Dodds confirmed that Aileen Simpson, Head of Health and Work is undertaking an internal review of Healthy Working Lives and reassured the Committee that a verbal progress update will be given under matters arising in November. Concerns were raised about the staff working within this service and the reputational risks. Aileen Simpson reassured the Committee that due diligence is being undertaken.

Gerry McCartney left the meeting.

**Action:**

- **George Dodds** to provide verbal update regarding Healthy Working Lives under matters arising at November meeting.

**6. Strategic Priority 5: Transforming Public Services (HGC paper 12/18)**

Wilma Reid, Head of Learning and Improvement presented her paper and requested review and comment on Strategic Priority 5 in relation to its shape and to ensure the Health Scotland legacy is well presented and appropriately taken forward to Public Health Scotland with an opportunity to review aspects of work and plan changes for the future.

The progress in the last year was noted, examples being the Primary Care Evidence Collaborative the British Sign Language - BSL (new module launched) which has offered a great opportunity for strategic working. It was highlighted that a commitment will be made to adopt collaboration with the whole system reference group. There are still important areas to continue in Public Health Scotland in particular pertaining to a human rights based approach and international works.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, said that this paper provided a rich account of the scale of work undertaken by Health Scotland. It was agreed that good relationships with COSLA would be key to ensure a good position for the transformation of public health. It was acknowledged that best practice often happens in small places and that Health Scotland should ensure that this continues.

Michele McCoy, non-executive said that a strategic overview in a summarised format of Health Scotland activity would be helpful for the new Board of Public Health Scotland. Gerry McLaughlin, Chief Executive confirmed that a formal record of the meetings would provide this together with the proposed impact report. The impact report will be capture high level messages with good examples which in addition to being an important record of our legacy will also be part of the suite of documents to hand over to Public health Scotland.

**7. Issues of significance to report to the next Board meeting**

It was agreed that the Chair will report that the Health Governance Committee is content that the strategic priorities are in a healthy condition.

**8. Any other business**

**ACE event – 19 September 2018, Glasgow**

Gerry McLaughlin advised that Health Scotland is involved in this event and that there are additional places available for non-executive attendance. Marie Kerrigan has emailed this information on.

**9. Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 29 November 2018 at 10.30 a.m. in Rom 23, Gyle Square, Edinburgh. Apologies were noted for Jane-Claire Judson.

Approved by:  (Chair)

Date: 6/12/18