

Board Meeting: 22 March 2019

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Chair's Report

Recommendation/action required:

The Board is asked to note the report.

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Board Chair

11 March 2019

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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. Other than routine internal meetings, I have not attended any significant external events since our last Board meeting on 15th February. I was unable to attend a joint meeting of Board Chairs and Chief Executives on 25th February and the Public Health Reform Oversight Board on 26th February.
3. The former was a relatively rare opportunity for Chairs and Chief Executives to meet as a group. Dame Denise Coia presented on the work of the Children and Young People's Mental Health Taskforce which she chairs, and I have a copy of her presentation if anyone would like to see it. Malcolm Wright, Interim Director General of Health and Social Care, presented on the Cabinet Secretary's priorities, which continue to include waiting times, mental health and Integration. There was also discussion on the thematic groups which Board Chairs are currently progressing, including the one on Corporate Governance which I am a member of.
4. On the PHOB meeting, Andrew Fraser did attend and he will provide a verbal update during our meeting.
5. At the time of writing, the second recruitment round for the Chair of Public Health Scotland has not yet begun. I suspect this will further challenge the timetable for establishing the new body, at least in terms of allowing for a reasonable handover period to the new Board. That in turn has implications for our own governance responsibilities. I will make sure that you are informed as soon as the advertisement is posted.
6. I had a call with Shirley Rogers on 19 February to follow up on the staffing issues that we discussed at our last meeting.
7. I met with Professor Nick Crofts, Director of the Centre for Law Enforcement and Public Health, in Edinburgh on 22nd February. Nick is organising the international conference which I referred to in last month's report. There has been a subsequent meeting between Nick and Health Scotland representatives and I am confident that we will have a good presence at the event.
8. I circulated a message on 5th March proposing that we postpone the Board Seminar planned for 5th April. No objections were made so I can confirm that the Seminar is postponed. All future Seminars remain in the calendar as planned.

- 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
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