

HS Paper 02/20

Board Meeting: 14 February 2020

Chair's Report

Recommendation / action required:

The Board is asked to note the report.

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6 February 2020

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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. As you know, following the resignation of the Scottish Police Authority's Chair, I stepped into that role on an interim basis from 4 December. Although it has involved a much bigger commitment of my time to SPA business, I do not feel that it has so far impinged on my responsibilities to NHS Health Scotland. I have reinforced to SPA colleagues and Scottish Government that ensuring a smooth wind-up and transition to Public Health Scotland remains a priority for me.

2. Faculty of Public Health Conference, 28 November 2019

I attended the first day of the conference on 28 November, speaking briefly in the opening session and introducing the Minister for Public Health, Mr. FitzPatrick. He was again complimentary about NHS Health Scotland's achievements. I was pleased as always to see such a good representation from us both on the platforms and in the audience. Our staff are well respected and visible within the public health profession and I'm sure this will continue into Public Health Scotland.

3. NHS Global Citizenship Programme Board, 15 January 2020

I attended my last meeting of this Board on 15 January. The Board and the Scottish Government officials supporting it have made remarkable progress in a relatively short period of time in bringing structure, quality assurance and momentum to NHS Scotland's international development work. NHS Health Scotland has a nominated global citizenship contact (Eileen Scott).

4. NHS Board Chairs and Cabinet Secretary meetings, 27 January 2020

This was my penultimate meeting of the Chairs' group. There was a presentation to the private Chairs' meeting by the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO), Rosemary Agnew, on the National Whistleblowing Standards with which all NHS service providers will be required to comply. Please let me know if you would like a copy of the full document explaining the standards.

7. Staff Partnership

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

10. Communication and Engagement

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

8. Corporate Risk

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

9. Issues Associated with Transition

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

10. Promoting Fairness

There are no issues arising from this paper.

11. Sustainability and Environmental Management

There are no specific issues arising from this paper.

12. Action/Recommendations

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David Crichton
Board Chair
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