

**Health Governance Committee Meeting
Thursday 4 May 2017
Meridian Court, Glasgow**

Present: Dr Paul Stollard (Chair)
Ms Michele McCoy
Mr Paul McColgan

In attendance: Dr Andrew Fraser
Mr David Crichton
Mr Gerry McLaughlin
Mr George Dodds
Ms Della Thomas
Ms Shirley Windsor
Ms Diane Stockton
Mr Matt Lowther
Ms Elspeth Molony
Mr Tim Andrew
Ms Marie Kerrigan (minute)

ACTION

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from J-C Judson, C. Denholm

2. Declaration of Committee Members' Interests.

No members' interests were declared.

**3. Minute
(HGC Minute 2/17)**

The minute of the previous meeting held on 3 March 2017 was agreed as an accurate record.

4. Matters Arising (Action Note)

ACTION

The action note was updated.

It was agreed that the effectiveness of the HWL programme be placed on the Forward Planner for March 2018 (discussion to encompass Hubs, Territorial Boards, resource toward the occupational health of the population and the award approach).

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5. Strategic Priority 1: All strategies are equitable and focused on prevention of harm to health and wellbeing (HGC Paper 8/17)

Ms Diane Stockton, Head of Evaluation and Commissioner for Strategic Priority 1 (SP1), introduced her paper and presentation, and was accompanied by Ms Shirley Windsor, Organisational Lead for Public Mental Health.

The paper asked the Committee to comment on the quality, improvement and effectiveness of Strategic Priority 1, particularly focusing on the two illustrations of (i) Scottish Burden of Disease Study and (ii) Mental Health Programme.

SP1 is split into three strands:

- Identifying where the biggest equity and health gains could be exerted by policy change or interventions;
- Policy development and implementation around alcohol, smoking, drugs, diet and obesity, physical activity, violence and mental health;
- Overarching public health evidence support networks – Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO), Scottish Public Health Network (ScotPHN) and a new network on Public Health Evidence Network (PHEN).

The following points were made in relation to:

ACTION**Burden of Disease**

- The first of a series of reports will be published in July;
- The quality of work was excellent;
- It was important to manage the messaging carefully;
- Communications should manage expectations on what the work adds to existing knowledge and its limitations;
- Risk management for the organisation and for NHS Scotland - place it into its context;
- Think about opportunities to disseminate the work;
- Link with NHS Chief Executives and local authority leaders in the dissemination process;
- Look at engaging with Audit Scotland.

Mental Health

- One challenge is the need to be measuring different things, eg more preventative elements other than just targets and numbers of disease and service activity events;
- Use other person-centred terms, eg 'how do I cope with life' rather than using the mental health term;
- HGC recognizes the challenges on how we stay true to the evidence base and to make sure Health Scotland continues with this;
- Liaise with senior policy figures regarding funding;
- How sustainable is our work?

Ms Stockton and Ms Windsor were thanked for their paper and presentation.

6. Health Governance Committee Annual Assurance Statement (HGC Paper 9/17)

The Annual Assurance Statement was approved by the Committee and signed by the Chair.

7. Governance of Risk Process**ACTION**

Mr Tim Andrew, Organisational Lead for Improvement, gave a short update on 3 risks owned by the Health Governance Committee.

8. Any Other Business

There was no further business.

9. Date of next meeting: 14 September 2017, Room G1, Meridian Court, Glasgow.