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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE**

**Recommendation/action required:**

The Board is asked to note the paper.

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## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE**

### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to the Board on activities and matters involving the Chief Executive and Directors which are not covered by other papers on the agenda.

2. **COSLA/IS Conference, Crieff Hydro, 5 October 2017**

In light of the importance of local government's role in the future of the public health arrangements I decided to attend this event for the first time in three years. In addition to this being an important opportunity to have discussions with some of the key influencers in the sector we were able to showcase some of our programme work within individual local authorities, Community Planning Partnerships and Integrated Joint Boards.

3. **Public Health Science Away Day, 25 October 2017**

I was invited to speak at the Public Health Science Away Day around the new public health body. Presentations were given by Andrew Fraser and Gareth Brown on the work done so far and I shared my vision for the next 14 months.

4. **SWAG Meeting, 1 November 2017**

I attend this National Partnership meeting as one of the Chief Executive representatives. This most recent meeting considered a number of key current issues including Whistleblowing Officer Standard Setting, Staff health & Wellbeing, Staff Governance Standard Monitoring and TURAS Appraisal (the replacement for the e Knowledge and Skills Framework).

5. **Faculty of Public Health Scottish Conference, 2/3 November 2017**

NHS Health Scotland was well represented at this key annual calendar event chairing or contributing to parallel sessions and presenting Conference posters. The Board Chair and I chaired two Plenary Sessions. All of this provided opportunities to influence key individuals.

6. **Chief Executives Meeting (England/Scotland/Wales/Ireland), 6 November 2017**

I hosted the second meeting of the current CEOs of four of the key UK Public Health bodies which Andrew Fraser also attended. This was an excellent opportunity to share and learn about relevant developments across the UK.

## **7. Justice Leaders/Health Leaders Collaboration, 8 November 2017**

The Board Chair and I attended this important national event hosted by the respective Scottish Government Directors General and with the Cabinet Secretaries for Health & Social Care and for Justice looking at the critical interface between these two functions and recognising the significant linked inequalities.

## **8. Executive Level Leadership & Talent Management Event, 15 November 2017**

This event was organised by Scottish Government. The purpose was to set out a vision for the transformational approach to leadership and talent management in NHS Scotland showcasing exemplars of leadership programmes and to stimulate different thinking, approaches and ambition.

## **9. Complaints**

From 20<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 NHS Health Scotland received 29 Complaints or concerns which were intended for other health bodies and 2 concerns for NHS Health Scotland.

The two concerns for NHS Health Scotland both concerned the national flu campaign that NHS health Scotland is delivering on behalf of the Scottish Government. One concern related to the eligibility criteria for flu immunisation, specifically for people with MS. We were able to provide clarity on this and we also advised we would update the Immunisation Scotland website to make the information on entitlement clearer.

The other concern came from a Radio Forth listener and concerned the recommendation that pregnant women should receive the vaccination. We prepared a joint response with the Radio network providing the listener with more information on why the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) recommend pregnant women receive the vaccine and the safety record of the vaccine.

## **10. Finance and Resource Implications**

There are no finance and resource implications as such arising from this paper.

## **11. Staff Partnership**

12. There are no partnership issues which are not addressed through other relevant plans.

**Communication and engagement**

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

**Corporate Risk**

14. Any risks associated with this update are incorporated within related project plans.

**Promoting Fairness**

15. There are no specific issues arising from this paper.

**Sustainability and Environmental Management**

16. There are no specific environmental issues arising from this paper.

**Action/ Recommendations**

17. The Board is asked to note the paper.

**Gerald McLaughlin**  
**Chief Executive**  
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