

Board meeting: 18 May 2018

Chair's report

Recommendation/action required:

The Board is asked to note the paper.

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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. Annex A to the paper gives details of my forward schedule and I am happy to take any comments or questions on those. The main body of the paper highlights any particular points arising from my meetings which I think you should be aware of.

NHS Scotland Board Chairs' Group

3. There have been two meetings of the Group since our last Board, on 26 March and on 23 April. The March meeting included a presentation from the new Chief Scientific Officer in Scottish Government, David Crossman, which covered research and innovation priorities in health care. The main item from our perspective was a presentation and discussion on the National Boards Collaborative Delivery Plan. I was asked to lead the questioning on this, focusing mainly on strategic intent and governance. I had previously been asked to present on Homelessness and Health at this meeting but this was deferred for the time being.
4. The 23 April meeting included a session on public health reform introduced by Andrew Scott. Andrew presented the rationale and progress to date of the reform programme, including the work to establish Public Health Scotland. I confirmed our continuing commitment to reform and outlined the contribution we are making to the programme.

Health and Work Policy Event

5. I spoke at this event, held on 27 March and organised by Scottish Government, the Health and Safety Executive and NHS Health Scotland. The purpose of the event was to review strategies and practice in promoting health and wellbeing in the workplace, with a particular emphasis on mental health.

National Strategic Group on Physical Activity

6. I attended this Group's meeting on 26 April. It was chaired by Aileen Campbell MSP, Minister of Public Health and was the last meeting of the Group in its current format. The meeting endorsed a new Active Scotland Delivery Plan and the formation of two new governance groups for the programme, one for Delivery and the other for Development, both of which we will be represented on. Health Scotland has been and will continue to be one of the main partners in the Active Scotland programme.

Scottish Police Authority

7. I have previously noted my appointment to the Authority, which took effect from 1 April for a four-year term. I was subsequently appointed as Vice-Chair of the Authority at its meeting on 2 May.

Finance and Resource Implications

8. Any finance and resource implications arising from the governance matters mentioned above will be covered during the meeting.

Staff Partnership

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

Communication and engagement

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

Corporate Risk

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

Promoting Fairness

12. There are no issues arising from this paper.

Sustainability and Environmental Management

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

Action/Recommendations

14. The Board is asked to note the paper.

Issues Associated with Transition

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

David Crichton
Board Chair
14 March 2018

Appendix A

Forward schedule

21 May	Board Chairs Group
4 June	Health and Social Care Alliance annual event
18-19 June	NHS Scotland annual event