

BOARD MEETING: 25 NOVEMBER 2016

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE

Recommendation/action required:

The Board is asked to note the paper.

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Purpose of Paper

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.

Annual Review 2016

2. Following the Annual Review, and the feedback from the Stakeholder Panel, we have been in discussion with our sponsor Team at Scottish Government about the likely shape and content of the Minister's letter to us and the accompanying Annual Review Action Plan.

Child Poverty

3. The Depute First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills attended the most recent meeting of the NHS Chief Executive Officers to discuss specifically his continuing commitment to the named Persons Scheme, taking account of the judgement of the Supreme Court, and more generally about his commitment to closing the poverty related attainment gap. He also reflected on his recent meeting with Directors of Public Health under the chairmanship of Health Scotland's Director of Public Health Science.

Facing up to Child Poverty in Schools - national learning and dissemination event

4. I chaired the morning session of this event held on 7 November. Angela Constance MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities opened the event which was held in the Trades Hall in Glasgow. The purpose of the event was to profile the impact of school costs on child poverty through highlighting projects and approaches that have reduced barriers and increased equality and participation for low income families in schools in parts of Scotland.

Faculty of Public Health Conference 27/28 October 2016

5. I attended both days of the conference which was held in Dunblane Hydro, the theme of which was 'Strong Voices: pragmatic public health. Health Scotland contributed to the planning of the event with representation from ScotPHN and the Events Team.
6. The majority of Health Scotland staff attending also made contributions to the event, chairing sessions, submitting posters and leading workshop inputs. Developing a stronger Health Scotland presence in this calendar

event has been a longstanding ambition and helped position us well at a time of anticipated change in Scotland's public health landscape.

Health Scotland – launch of new website
(<http://www.healthscotland.scot>)

7. The new Health Scotland website was launched on the 14 November. The main features of the new website are:
 - Designed to make understanding and addressing health inequalities through practical action the starting point.
 - Fresh new content structure and style enabling stakeholders to do business more easily.
 - Each piece of content has explicit calls to action, enhancing service delivery and directly signposting related research, tools and resources.
 - Simple to use, search and navigate on any device.

The website is designed to provide information and practical support with the aim of benefitting policy and practice to reduce health inequalities and improve health. It will also help to support our corporate strategy of delivering knowledge into action and better reflect the work of Health Scotland and the way in which this is delivered.

Meetings/Events Attended

8. I attended the Health Scotland All Staff Event, our first in four years, in Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh on the 21 September delivering the keynote address on a theme of one organisation, one vision in the delivery of a Fairer Healthier Scotland 2017-2022. The evaluation of the event reflected very positive feedback from staff.
9. On the 22 September I attended Scotland's Dementia Awards in the Marriott Hotel in Glasgow and presented the awards for the Best Dementia Friendly Community Initiative and the Most Innovative Partnership. The event was organised by Alzheimer Scotland in partnership with Health Scotland, NHS Education Scotland and the Scottish Social Services Council to celebrate World Alzheimer's Day. The keynote address was given by Maureen Watt MSP, the Minister for Mental Health.
10. I attended the Board Social Networking event on the 23 September in the Grassmarket Community Project.
11. On the 28 September I, along with the Director of Strategy, attended a meeting in St Andrew's House with the Director General Health in Scottish Government to discuss how we can best support NHS Scotland in responding more effectively and consistently to the needs of British Sign Language (BSL) users. Scottish Government have subsequently asked us to produce an NHS Scotland Action Plan.

12. On the 29 September I addressed the Stigma of Poverty, Challenges, Interventions and Possibilities round table event which was held in the Scottish Parliament. The event was sponsored by Patrick Harvie MSP and was a collaboration between Poverty Alliance and the Social Policy Association. The discussion aimed to highlight increasing evidence that there is a growth of social stigma and discrimination around poverty and benefit receipt which has consequences for how people access services and how they are treated by service providers and the wider public.
13. On the 30 September I met with the new Chief Executive of NHS National Services, Colin Sinclair.
14. I attended the Scottish Government Fairer Scotland Action Plan launched by the Cabinet Secretary for on the 5 October.
15. I attended the NHS Chief Executives' meeting on the 12 October and meetings on the 8 and 9 November which included a Strategic Session on the 9th.
16. I attended the SWAG Committee meeting on the 20 October.
17. I attended the Fair for All Advisory Panel in North Ayrshire on the 24 October. This Group has been commissioned by the CEO of North Ayrshire Council to advise on the effective delivery of their Community Planning Partnership's Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.
18. On the 26 October I accompanied the Minister of Public Health to Annual Networking Conference hosted by our Community Food and Health Scotland in Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh.
19. On the 10 November I attended the Violence Against Women Joint Strategic Board meeting of which I am a member.
20. I have been asked to be a member of the Child Protection Improvement Programme External Advisory Group and attended the first meeting of the Group on the 10 November.
21. I attended a meeting of the Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Forum on the 16 November.

External Engagement meetings

22. I met with Sally Loudon, the Chief Executive of COSLA on the 3 October.
23. I met with Susan Hargreaves from Education Scotland on the 10 October.
24. I met with Dr Chris Johnstone, Associate Clinical Director of the Renfrewshire Health and Social Partnership on the 13 October.

25. I and the Director of Health Equity met with Colin Mair from the Joint Improvement Service on the 2 November to discuss joint working between our two organisations.
26. On the 4 November along with Ann Holmes from the CMO's office at Scottish Government and Colin Mair from the Joint Improvement Service I met with Dr Jonathon Sher to discuss his concerns about a lack of focus on preconception and its impact on children's health and education and care.

Complaints

27. From 13 August 2016 to 15 November 2016 we received 72 complaints which were all intended for other health bodies. The complainants were all advised to contact the relevant NHS Board or Practice Manager at their GP or dental Surgery; or passed directly to the appropriate NHS complaints team or Scottish Government department.

Finance and Resource Implications

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

Communications

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

Risk

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

Equality and Diversity

33. There are no specific equality and diversity issues arising from this paper.

Environment

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

Action/Recommendations

35. The Board is asked to note this paper.

Gerald McLaughlin
Chief Executive
17 November 2016