

**BOARD MEETING: 25 NOVEMBER 2016**

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Recommendation/action required:**

The Board is asked to note the paper.
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**Author:**

**Sponsoring Director:**

David Crichton Board Chair	
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**Date: 18 November 2016**

## **Purpose of Paper**

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

## **Health Scotland Annual Review 2016**

2. The 2016 Annual Review was held on the 18 October 2016 in Surgeon's Hall, Edinburgh. The Stakeholder Panel was chaired by Sir Andrew Cubie. Panel Members were Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive of Edinburgh City Council, Professor Carol Tannahill, Director of the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, Graeme Brown, Director of Shelter Scotland and Lesley MacLay, Chief Executive of NHS Tayside.
3. This year's Review was non-ministerial and the senior Scottish Government representative was Daniel Kleinberg, Deputy Director – Health Improvement. The questions from the Stakeholder Panel were challenging but constructive, and comments from other guests were generally supportive. We have not yet received our Annual Review letter.

## **NHS Scotland meetings**

4. There have been a number of meetings of the NHS Board Chairs' Group since our last Board meeting, including a two-day event over 20-21 October and two meetings with the Cabinet Secretary and ministerial team on the 12 September and 14 November.
5. I have been working with a sub-group of Board Chairs on proposals to improve the overall management of transformational change across the NHS in Scotland, and presented those proposals to the Cabinet Secretary on behalf of the Chairs at our meeting on 14 November.
6. I am one of the Chairs' representatives on the National Clinical Strategy oversight group and attended a meeting of the group on the 11 October.
7. Along with the Chief Executive I attended a joint session of Chairs and Chief Executives on 13 September which covered the Review of Targets being led by Sir Harry Burns. The Chief Executive and I also attended the NHS Senior Leaders Forum on 15 November.
8. I have had three individual meetings with other Board Chairs – Alex Linkston of NHS Forth Valley, Neena Mahal of NHS Lanarkshire and John Brown of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde – as part of our wider stakeholder engagement programme.

## **Other meetings and events**

9. I attended the PHINS seminar on the 9 September in the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow and spoke during the closing session. The annual seminar is held

in partnership with the Glasgow Centre for Population Health and was chaired by Lorna Kelly, Associate Director at the Centre.

10. On the 21 September, I attended the All Staff Event in Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh and was very pleased to do so. It brought all staff together in the same place for the first time in some years and reinforced a sense of common purpose and collaborative working.
11. We held our Board Social Networking event in the Grassmarket Community Project on the 23 September and my thanks again to all who attended for their ideas on our priorities and style of working.
12. I was invited to participate in a Roundtable event attended by the Cabinet Secretary on Reforming our NHS and Health Systems – Delivering Health Equality in Scotland. The event took place on the 13 October during a fringe event at the SNP conference at the SECC, Glasgow.
13. I attended the Faculty of Public Health conference on the 28 October in Dunblane and facilitated one of the sessions.
14. On 17 November I had a private meeting with Paul Gray, Director-General Health and Social Care, to reflect on my first year as Chair.

### **Forward Schedule**

15. With the Director of Strategy, I will meet with the Equality and Human Rights Commission in the next few weeks.
16. On the 22 November I will be attending the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Smoking Cessation which is being held in Surgeon's Hall in Edinburgh and participating in a symposium which is being held during the conference on the vision for tobacco control activity in Scotland.
17. On the 24 November I will be attending the National Strategic Group for Physical Activity and Sport which is chaired by the Minister for Public Health and Sport.
18. On the 28 November I will be attending the Polishing our Gems: A call for action on childhood adversity conference which is being organised by Health Scotland. Professor Sir Michael Marmot, Director of the Institute of Health Equity and President of the World Medical Association will chair the conference.
19. On the 30 November the Chief Executive and myself will meet with the Minister for Public Health and Sport. Amongst items for discussion with the Minister will be the Programme for Government.

## **Communications**

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

## **Risk**

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

## **Equality and Diversity**

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

## **Environment**

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

## **Action/Recommendations**

24. The Board is asked to note this paper.

**David Crichton**  
**Board Chair**  
**18 November 2016**