

HS Paper 27/19

Board Meeting: 17 May 2019

Chief Executive's Report

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. **Public Health Reform Programme Board (28 March and 2 May 2019)**
Reported elsewhere in Board papers, I am pleased to note that good progress has been made in agreeing the Target Operating Model for Public Health Scotland and with key Programme Projects including the important Corporate Services Project progressing and on track. Clearly we have now received confirmation on the delay to vesting day for Public Health Scotland (PHS) until 1 April 2020. I am advised that following a meeting between the Cabinet Secretary, COSLA and Scottish Government Officials agreement has been reached on outstanding issues which will allow progress now to be made on the legislative consultation and the recruitment of a Board Chair and Chief Executive.
3. **Sponsorship Meeting (11 April 2019)**
At our latest quarterly meeting we not only gave an account of our performance but were able to meet the new sponsor team and ensure they were aware of the impact of reducing budgets on our delivery programme for 2019-20 and in particular where this may affect agreed
4. **CMT/Heads of Service (30 April 2019)**
This was the latest of our helpful meetings of our senior leadership cohort. We agreed to increase the frequency of these meetings to bi-monthly to ensure strong engaged leadership, particularly in view of the extension of four months to the vesting date for Public Health Scotland.
5. **CMO Taskforce Meeting (7 May 2019)**
As the NHS Scotland Chief Executive representative I attended the latest meeting of the Taskforce for the Improvement of Health Care & Forensic Medical Examination Services for Adults, Children and Young People who have experienced Rape & Sexual Assault. Chaired by the Chief Medical Officer, this Group has led a transformational programme which has seen the transfer of service responsibility to the NHS with victims no longer being examined in Police Stations and with the offer of a female examiner for all who prefer this and the development of new improved local trauma informed services.
6. **MESAS Programme Board Work**
Following discussion with the Board and engagement with stakeholders, a process for appropriate alcohol industry engagement, particularly in the review of draft findings reports, has been agreed. The process optimises the

benefits of such engagement while managing the risks. This process has been shared with stakeholders and adopted with no subsequent issues

In the next 2 months the MUP Evaluation Protocol and the findings from Compliance Study will be published. The annual MESAS Monitoring Report will also be published. A further four reports will follow before the end of 2019. It will be important to ensure any handling issues are well managed, taking account on the breath of the MESAS studies and the other media coverage of MUP.

7. Healthy Places

Following increasingly close interest from and collaboration with World Health Organisation (WHO) on our place standard work, WHO invited Scotland to consider the hosting of a new *WHO Collaborating Centre for Place* as one of the many functions of the new public health body. After a period of engagement with COSLA and Scottish Government officials developing Public Health Scotland, we have secured the agreement of Senior Responsible Officer to progress with the proposal as part of our *Place Based Working – International Programmes* approach. We will inform the WHO Regional Focal Point for the European WHO Healthy Cities Network to agree the practical next steps.

8. Healthy Working Lives (Award Element)

Since the last Board meeting, we have met with and secured the agreement of partners to an approach that will realign the current award towards the Fair Work Framework (as well as other important components) so that our collective efforts are more effective in tackling the fundamental causes of inequalities (Income, Power and Wealth).

9. Complaints

From 14 March to 10 May 2019 we received 12 complaints or concerns intended for other health bodies and 2 concerns for NHS Health Scotland which received appropriate responses within the necessary timescale.

10. Finance and Resource Implications

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

11. Staff Partnership

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

12. Communication and engagement

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

13. Corporate Risk

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

14. Issues Associated with Transition

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

15. Promoting Fairness

There are no specific issues arising from this paper.

16. Sustainability and Environmental Management

There are no specific environmental issues arising from this paper.

17. Action/Recommendations

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Gerald McLaughlin
Chief Executive
8 May 2019