

Board Meeting: 22 November 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. **Delivery business highlights**

2.1 Pre-Election Period

In light of the forthcoming General Election on 12 December, the Scottish Government has issued its pre-election period guidance. We have drawn this to the attention of all staff asking them to exercise particular care with respect to activity which could have a bearing on matters relevant to the UK Parliament elections.

2.2 Health & Work Management of risks

The decision of the UK Government to extend for a further year the Fit for Work Programme has resulted in a request to extend our own element of the programme for a further year. We agreed to this request having noted this with the Public Health Scotland shadow Executive Management Team and the future SG/COSLA sponsors.

2.3 Issues Associated with Transition

As a follow up to the last Board discussion where the Building our Futures report was well received, the Board was particularly keen to be assured that other areas of good work, in addition to those highlighted in the Building our Futures report, were being recognised. I am pleased to report that work continues more generally on the other three strands of the Managing our Legacy programme. The two strands most relevant to this are 'Celebrating our Staff' and 'Managing our Farewell'. With regards to Celebrating our Staff, plans are well underway for staff events in March in both offices. A major part of these events will be to provide all staff (past and present) with opportunities to highlight and celebrate the work that they have deemed most important to them in their work at Health Scotland. The Board will receive an invite to these events in due course.

With regards to Managing our Farewell, the communications team are ensuring that Health Scotland's legacy is consistently and effectively highlighted through our current communications work. This work is ongoing in its nature, but as examples, recent communications work

has highlighted work we have done on social justice, physical activity and life expectancy.

3. CMT/HoS, 29 October 2019

I chaired the latest meeting of our wider leadership team at which we discussed current and future leadership challenges including the issue considered by the Board at our last meeting of managing demand and capacity over our final five months as a Board. We also heard from each of the six health Public Health Priorities (PHP) Leads who are co-chairing Groups with PHI colleagues.

4. Sponsor Meeting, 31 October 2019

We had our penultimate Health Scotland sponsor meeting with Scottish Government at which we reported on our latest performance and finance reports as well as focussing on key change and transition issues.

5. CMO Taskforce, 5 November 2019

At the latest meeting of this group on which I am the NHS CEO representative significant progress in transforming the forensic Improvement of Healthcare and Forensic Medical Services for those who have experienced rape or sexual assault in Scotland was noted. As a follow up I led a discussion at the CEO Business Meeting on 13 November seeking CEO support in preparing for the forthcoming legislation introducing a national self-referral model with a potential increase in demand; and ensuring readiness within local and regional delivery teams for compliance with agreed national documentation and data collection requirements.

6. Complaints

From 20 September to 14 November 2019 we received 17 complaints or concerns intended for other health bodies and 1 concern regarding the falls prevention booklet, "Out and About".

This came from a GP surgery concerned about the number of times advice was given to contact a GP. We responded sharing information on the groups involved in shaping the content of the booklet and also highlighted that many other sources of advice and help from voluntary, health and social care groups had been included. We advised we would take their comments into account when the booklet is next revised or reprinted.

7. Finance and Resource Implications

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

8. Staff Partnership

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

- 9. Communication and engagement**
There are no specific communications issues arising from this paper which are not addressed through other relevant plans.
- 10. Corporate Risk**
Any risks associated with this update are incorporated within related project plans.
- 11. Promoting Fairness**
There are no specific issues arising from this paper.
- 12. Sustainability and Environmental Management**
There are no specific environmental issues arising from this paper.
- 13. Action/ Recommendations**
The Board is asked to note the paper.

Gerald McLaughlin
Chief Executive
8 November 2019