

Borders NHS Board**CHAIR AND NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT****Aim**

To update the Board on the recent activities undertaken by the Non Executive Directors.

Committee Meetings and Events: The following committee meetings and events have taken place.

5 December	Audit Committee
5 December	Strategy & Performance Committee
5 December	Board Development & Strategy Session
10 December	Financial Position Oversight Group
11 December	Public Governance Committee
17 December	Audit Committee
18 December	Staff Governance Committee
13 January	Endowment Advisory Group
16 January	Strategy & Performance Committee
16 January	Board Development & Strategy Session
28 January	Financial Performance Oversight Group
30 January	Endowment Committee
31 January	CH&CP
6 February	Development & Strategy session
12 February	Clinical Governance Committee

John Raine: Meetings attended (other than committee meetings) include:

November

- 11 - National Chairs
- 12 - Bowel Cancer Event at Scottish Parliament
- 15 – Police, Fire & Rescue and Community Safety Board
- 20 – TAGRA workshop
- 27 – Lauder Health Centre opening

December

- 6 – MPs meetings
- 11 - TAGRA meeting
- 12 – SBC Integration event
- 13 – National Chairs quality profolio group
- 17 – Chaplaincy event

January

20 – National Chairs

22 – SBC Leaders

Michael Matheson, Minister for Public Health, has asked Chairs to nominate a non-executive director to act as a champion to help drive forward the Health Promoting Health Service initiative in each Board area and I have asked Karen Hamilton to undertake this. The Minister intends to call a meeting shortly of all nominated champions.

I have asked Stephen Mather to take on a role as a member of the Extra Contractual Referrals Panel, in response to a request from the Medical Director to nominate a non executive director.

Matters Arising from national meetings include: Cabinet Secretary expectation that Chairs will focus strongly on delivery of waiting times performance especially in A&E and the Treatment Time Guarantee. Boards to review outcomes of the staff survey. Cabinet Secretary has initiated a review of the rules governing pharmacy applications and the process which is regarded as being unsatisfactory. Elected Boards - the scrapping by Parliamentary Order of elections to health boards. Recognition of difficulties caused by doctor shortages and a need for review. The need for Boards to invest more in the primary care sector; into “deep end” and poorer area GP practices if acute sector pressures are to be successfully tackled. Lanarkshire Review - the need for all Boards to consider the lessons and implications.

Doreen Steele: 6 December, complaints masterclass with SPSO, NES and Scottish Government. Plus learning from others. Michael Mathewson announced every Board will receive a visit between December and February. The first analysis of complaints has now been issued by the Scottish Health council. The main message was that complaints (reports) must highlight what has been learned and must detail what has been learned, also they must triangulate with SPSO and risk and should form a meaningful part of our agenda and emerging traits/trends/actions. Chairs should review personally and Boards should drive up standards. A full summary is available from Iris, Evelyn and myself met to look at the current situation vs moving forward.

December 10 I attended the Cabinet meeting on Scotland’s Future where 350 public sector ‘movers’ attended to question the Cabinet about the referendum. Networking with others took place at the end of the formal meeting.

January 10 as part of the Public Governance Committee remit I met with Tommy Whitelaw of the Dementia Carers Voices project managed by the Alliance and funded by the Scottish Government, initially for two years but now extended to 2016. The project highlights the importance of family carers and to assist them to build and sustain a network of support, prevent crisis situations and enable them to ask for additional help when needed. Tommy has agreed to come to NHS Borders and on discussion with Evelyn rather than limit the session to the PGC we are going to open it to anyone interested. (Tommy has a following from NHSB on Twitter). The session will also include local work and our carer representatives on the PGC.

David Davidson: Attended the Alpha Zone on 16 January to look at the system being headed up by Jacques Kerr of appraising how A&E is reorganised. Chaired the Counter Fraud Services Operational Group meeting on 30 January and attended the Financial Performance Oversight Group on 28 January and the CH&CP on 31 January.

Karen McNicoll: Commenced role as Chair November 2013. Have facilitated at a useful workshop event in November 2013 on key principles and developing our draft Clinical Strategy (also attended by several other ACF members). Attended the November meeting of the Area Dental Committee where the new Chair of this Committee was elected - Mr Robert Irvine. In December 2013 the ACF National Chairs Group met with Mr Michael Matheson at Scottish Parliament and focused on the Healthcare Improvement Scotland Framework for Managing Adverse Events and the progress and latest developments in the Public Bodies Joint Working Scotland Bill. Participated in a local Integration Seminar on 12th December which updated on the national context, to hear about work in Fife, our own work to date and to contribute to plans to progress integration with NHS Borders, SBC and partners.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to **note** the report.

Policy/Strategy Implications	Not Applicable.
Consultation	Not Applicable.
Consultation with Professional Committees	Not Applicable.
Risk Assessment	Not Applicable.
Compliance with Board Policy requirements on Equality and Diversity	Compliant
Resource/Staffing Implications	Not Applicable.

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