

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.

11 September	Clinical Governance Committee
17 September	Endowment Fund Board of Trustees
18 September	Staff Governance Committee
23 September	Health & Social Care Pathfinder Board
23 September	Community Health & Care Partnership Board
24 September	Audit Committee
25 September	Public Governance Committee
3 October	Strategy & Performance Committee
3 October	Board Development & Strategy Session
6 November	Clinical Governance Committee

John Raine: Meetings attended have included:

September 9	NHS Scotland Chairs; AGM and meeting with Cabinet Secretary
September 10	NHS Chairs Away Day
September 13	MPs meeting
September 17	Celebration event for newly retired employees
October 1	Community Planning Strategic Board
October 29	SBC meeting: integration discussions

Cabinet Secretary's follow-up letter to the Chair on the Annual Review has been received and is extremely positive. Copies will be circulated.

A main item at the September Chairs meeting with the Cabinet Secretary concerned the Scottish Public Service Ombudsman Annual Report and a discussion around complaints handling and learning. The message was that NHSS needed to show it was listening, learning and making improvements as a result of feedback and complaints and to reflect that action in reduced numbers of complaints. Chairs were asked to consider how well their Boards complaints systems worked in exposing areas of concern leading to remedial action and improved performance. Events for executive and non executive Board members focussing on corporate responsibility and governance are being held in November and December.

Doreen Steele: Attended Teviotdale area forum in August and September. Sam Whiting and Stephen Bermingham and I went along. Sam Whiting presented an overview of quality indicators in the Community. The Committee found the presentation very useful as they were unaware of this aspect of care and delivery. There was an excellent discussion on a number of areas including Crumhaugh House absorption to the Community hospital and of the role of the Public Governance Committee. At the September meeting a very interesting presentation by The Bridge covered their transport services across the Borders. We have been invited to become regular attendees and there is an opportunity to ask the Area Forum questions.

I attended the Chair's meeting and the Cabinet Secretary meeting on behalf of the Chair.

I attended Scottish Borders College graduation ceremony.

The Public Governance Committee contributed to the Participation Standard Public Engagement Strategy.

The annual Discretionary Awards Committee met in September

I attended the Corporate Governance Steering Group meeting

I attended the PPF development day

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	Not Applicable.
Resource/Staffing Implications	Not Applicable.

Approved by

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