

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.

21 June: Public Partnership Forum Development Day
23 June: Endowment Fund Board of Trustees
24 June: Derek Feeley Visit
28 June: Community Health & Care Partnership (CH&CP)
30 June: Extraordinary Endowment Fund Board of Trustees
30 June: Strategy & Performance Committee

20 July: Remuneration Committee

John Raine: I attended the national NHS Chairs meetings on 27 June and 25 July.

Julia Edey: In addition to the usual meetings I chaired / attended during the period, I would draw specific attention to a meeting at Stirling Management Centre which I attended on the 15th June in my capacity at NHS Borders Counter Fraud Champion.

This was a network meeting with colleagues from NSS Counter Fraud Services, and was an opportunity for the counter fraud champions and fraud liaison officers from Boards across NHS Scotland to meet to discuss current issues, to share good practice, and to review lessons learned. Susan Swan, our Fraud Liaison Officer, also attended.

The session included an update from CFS on their pro-active work plan, discussion on recent changes to the RIP(S)A legislation, and on a range of issues around publicity and communications.

Following on from this, Susan and I met on 30th June to take forward some of the issues and actions we identified at the network meeting. Amongst these is a proposal for the issue of fraud prevention and detection to be a topic for a future Board development session. The thinking behind this is that, whilst counter-fraud is well embedded into the Audit Committee agenda, we believe it would be beneficial for the full board to be aware of current issues, and what arrangements NHS Borders has in place to mitigate the risk of fraud. In this context it is worth noting that a conservative estimate of fraud across European healthcare systems is a loss of 1% pa of revenue budget!

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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