

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.

25 August	Area Partnership Forum
1 September	Audit Committee
4 September	Strategy & Performance Committee
4 September	Development & Strategy Session
10 September	Clinical Governance Committee
15 September	AH&SC Integration Shadow Board
17 September	Public Governance Committee
17 September	Remuneration Committee
22 September	Audit Committee
29 September	Area Clinical Forum

John Raine: Meetings attended have included:

- 18th August and 22nd September - NHS Scotland Chairs
- 21st August – Jedburgh Pool
- 4th September – Finance Oversight Group
- 10th September – Endowment Advisory
- 11th September – Community Planning Strategic Board
- 17th September – Remuneration Committee

Points from 18th August Chairs meeting: Defibrillators to be installed in every NHS dental practice across Scotland by the end of August; following the `Once for Scotland` `summit` with Chairs and Chief Executives, a discussion document is to be developed to take the initiative forward; a `Guiding Coalition` meeting for Chief executives and Chairs is planned for 12th November.

Health Improvement Scotland presented their proposals for “quality of care” reviews ahead of announcement by the Cabinet Secretary. The intention is to re-set the way HIS does scrutiny and for the new comprehensive reviews to “run with the grain” of what Chairs and Boards want – “asking the questions you want answers to in making improvements.” The emphasis will be on co-design and ownership of reviews which will seek to raise standards and to highlight success.

The Chair of HIS, Dr Denise Coia, intends to visit us with a senior officer shortly, to discuss the application of the new style reviews.

Board 360-degree: Following the discussion meeting with the Board last month, all raters have now been written to and action plans are being further developed.

Ann Purvis: Ann has “retired” as Chair of the BGH Participation Group after more than ten years of volunteering and I have written to express the Board’s appreciation of her outstanding service. Ann has never been afraid of “telling it as she sees it” and has excelled at keeping the organisation on its toes; often challenging, but always supportive of managers and staff, all for the ultimate benefit of patients.

Board governance changes: Following discussions with the Chairs group around accountability and governance of health boards, the Cabinet Secretary wrote to Chairs on 7th August to confirm the following changes:- the residency requirement placed on the eligibility criteria for those applying for non-executive appointments to territorial boards has been replaced with a requirement that applicants should be able to demonstrate a `substantive knowledge about, interest in or connection to the delivery of health and social care services, in the area served by the Board; whilst the governance and accountability discussions continue, the Cabinet Secretary will make no new executive appointments to Health Boards, with the exception of the Chief Executive, Medical and Nurse Director; the appointment of a Vice Chair will be subject to confirmation by the Cabinet Secretary.

Community Planning Strategic Board - Borders Young Person’s Guarantee: The attached summary report (supported by a draft business case – copies available from the Board Secretary) was considered and supported by the Board on 11th September. The Guarantee is that every young person leaving school in Scottish Borders will have the offer of a job, training or further education opportunity available to them.” Scottish Borders Council have agreed to provide 50 such job offers. I gave a firm indication that NHS Borders, the second largest employer in the region, would commit to playing its part in supporting the objective of the Guarantee. The Board agreed to establish a project team to take forward this work and report back in November.

David Davidson: Attended the AH&SC Integration Board meetings and Seminar session, as well as the P&CS Clinical Governance meeting, the Short Life Working Group on Pharmacy and Chaired the Resilience Committee.

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	Compliant

requirements on Equality and Diversity	
Resource/Staffing Implications	Not Applicable.

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