

**Borders NHS Board**



## **VALE OF LEVEN HOSPITAL INQUIRY**

### **Aim**

To advise the Board of the assessment of NHS Borders against the recommendations contained within the Vale of Level Hospital Inquiry Report.

### **Background**

The Chairman has received a letter from the new Cabinet Secretary, Shona Robison, regarding publication of the Vale of Leven Hospital Inquiry.

As you are aware, the Inquiry was established by Nicola Sturgeon, when she was Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing. The Inquiry began its work in October 2009 under the Chairmanship of Lord MacLean. It was established to investigate the circumstances contributing to the occurrence and rates of C.difficile at the Vale of Leven Hospital from 1 January 2007 onwards, with a particular focus on 1 December 2007 to 1 June 2008.

The terms of reference set out a wide-ranging remit and also looked at; leadership and governance, nursing and medical care, antimicrobial prescribing, death certification and inspection and scrutiny.

Lord MacLean's report and recommendations will have implications for the wider NHS in Scotland and the Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorate.

### **Summary**

The full report can be accessed through the following link to the Inquiry's website - <http://www.valeoflevenhospitalinquiry.org/>. Hard copies will also be available from the Board Secretary.

It is expected that all of the Board will read the report and that it will be shared widely. Paul Gray has also written to NHS Board Chief Executives with a similar request that the report is cascaded widely. Each Board is to make an assessment against the recommendations by **19 January, 2015**.

The current actions that have taken place since the receipt of the report are:-

- 1) Review of report (complete)
- 2) Complete a gap analysis against the recommendations (by 19<sup>th</sup> December)
- 3) Prepare a paper and issue to the Clinical Exec Ops, Clinical Strategy, Infection Control Committee, Board (by 24<sup>th</sup> December)
- 4) Comments back to Sam Whiting, Infection Control Manager by 6 January 2015
- 5) Submission to the Strategy & Performance Committee on 15 January 2015

The recommendations will be discussed at a future Chairs and Chief Executives monthly meeting.

### Recommendation

The Board is asked to **note** the recommendations contained within the Vale of Leven Inquiry Report.

The Board is asked to **note** that the final submission of an Action Plan will be given to the Strategy & Performance Committee on 15 January 2015.

<b>Policy/Strategy Implications</b>	N/A
<b>Consultation</b>	N/A
<b>Consultation with Professional Committees</b>	N/A
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	N/A
<b>Compliance with Board Policy requirements on Equality and Diversity</b>	N/A
<b>Resource/Staffing Implications</b>	N/A

### Approved by

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