

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.

2 October	Endowment Committee
6 November	Strategy & Performance Committee Board Development & Strategy
12 November	Clinical Governance Committee
1 December	Area Clinical Forum
1 December	Staff Governance Committee

John Raine: Chief Executive: Calum Campbell's departure for NHS Lanarkshire will take effect from December 31st. The Board will wish to acknowledge Calum's immense contribution over 5 years to the development and improvement of health service provision in Borders.

Jane Davidson, as interim chief executive from January 1st, will be strongly supported by the Board in managing the organisation and meeting the challenges ahead.

National NHS Strategy: Chairs, with Chief Executives and Scottish government officials, are currently scoping the work required to make further progress on the delivery of NHS Scotland's national strategy as defined by the 20:20 vision. At a meeting chaired by the then Cabinet Secretary on 12th November action was agreed to take forward a programme of work requiring a strong commitment by NHS leaders in the coming months.

Cabinet Secretary: The Board will be aware that Shona Robison is the new Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport.

Annual Review: The Board's annual review on 5th November consisted of three main elements: an 'ask the board' engagement session with staff; a discussion meeting with public, patient and carer representatives organised around a number of topical issues; and the general public accountability review meeting providing an opportunity for the Board to report on its performance. Medical Director, Dr Sheena MacDonald's excellent presentation gave the audience a wide understanding of the issues and challenges facing the Board. All events were observed by a Scottish government representative and a report back is awaited.

Annual reviews require much effort by many staff and I am grateful to them for ensuring a well run programme.

Lords Lieutenant: Recent meetings have included the Community Planning Strategic Board and a meeting with the three Lords Lieutenant from Scottish Borders, providing an opportunity to update them on current issues and to describe to them the children and young peoples centre proposal.

Pat Alexander: I attended the Dementia 2014 "Have Your Voice" Conference on 13th November. There were some excellent presentations including one on the use of Dementia Diaries and another on Playlist for Life given by Andy Lowndes and Christine Proudfoot which was very well received. The final presentation was by a carer whose husband had had a difficult experience when admitted to Borders General Hospital. I thought there was some useful learning in this and the carer is willing to give a similar presentation to the Board. A workshop on Telecare was also very thought provoking and emphasised the importance of good mobile and wi-fi networks and ensuring that Community Planners take into account the needs of health and social care as well as economic factors when planning networks.

I also attended "A Healthier Me Conference" on 25th November which focused on the Pathway for Lifestyle Support for Adults with a Learning Disability in the Scottish Borders. This presented some excellent work which is in progress to improve the health of learning disabled adults and could provide a model for other patient/client groups. It was also a good example of what can be achieved through effective joint working between Health, SBC and the third sector.

David Davidson:

14th October	Meeting with Chaplain AT HCH
15th October	Inspection Visit to a GP Practice
22nd October	SLWG on Prescribing Costs
29th October	SLWG on Health & Safety
3rd November	Chaired Counter Fraud Operational Group + Joint Integration Board
5th November	Annual Review
6th November	Board S&P
12th November	SPSP Event EICC
17th November	SLWG on Health and Safety + Joint Integration Board
19th November	WHO presentation + SLWG on Prescribing costs
20th November	CFC/FLO Counter Fraud Day Conference @ Stirling University. NHSB well placed and active in this field
25th November	Appointment Panel for Lead Chaplain Post

Recommendation

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

Policy/Strategy Implications	Not Applicable.
Consultation	Not Applicable.
Consultation with Professional	Not Applicable.

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

Approved by

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