Borders NHS Board

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Area Clinical Forum Update

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Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to brief the Board on keys items discussed at the Area Clinical Forum (ACF) on 29 October 2018.

Recommendations:

The Board is asked to note the update from ACF.

Approval Pathways:

This report has been endorsed by the ACF.

Executive Summary:

The ACF would like to highlight the following to the Board:
- The Allied Health Profession Advisor Committee has not been represented on the ACF due to a lack of a Chair. From November Pamela Gordon has agreed to attend ACF meetings.
- NHS Borders does not have an advisory committee in place to support healthcare scientists. Jackie Scott has now agreed to attend the ACF and the ACF Chair will work with her to ensure this group of healthcare professionals are represented.
- The ACF is pleased to see that an Area Medical Committee has been established. The chair and vice-chair will be invited to ACF once they have been formally appointed.

Impact of item/issues on:

Strategic Context	Not applicable.
Patient Safety/Clinical Impact	The ACF Chair is working with professional advisory groups to ensure that clinical communities are kept informed and are able to provide feedback on clinical matters being considered by the Board.
Staffing/Workforce	Workload and capacity has impacted on attendance at professional advisory committees. To maximise attendance, the ACF meets at 5pm and this time does not suit all professional advisory committee chairs. This may impact on engagement with clinicians.
Finance/Resources	Not applicable.

Risk Implications	Not applicable.
Equality and Diversity	Not applicable.
Consultation	Not applicable.
Glossary	ACF - Area Clinical Forum