

## Borders NHS Board



Meeting Date: 5 December 2019

<b>Approved by:</b>	Alison Wilson, Chair, Area Clinical Forum
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<b>AREA CLINICAL FORUM UPDATE</b>	
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	
The purpose of this report is to brief the Board on keys items discussed at the Area Clinical Forum (ACF) on 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2019.	
<b>Recommendations:</b>	
The Board is asked to <b>note</b> the update from ACF.	
<b>Approval Pathways:</b>	
This report has been endorsed by the ACF.	
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	
<p>The ACF would like to highlight the following to the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACF received an update to the 3 year financial plan.</li> <li>• Area Ophthalmology Committee highlighted a lack of Ophthalmology independent prescribers in NHS Borders.</li> <li>• Area Pharmaceutical Committee requested that Community Pharmacists be involved at an early stage in any savings which involved changes to medicines – as this impacts their stock.</li> <li>• ACF were pleased to now have representation from Medical Scientists – BGH Laboratories and this input was appreciated at the meeting.</li> <li>• BGH Laboratory wished to highlight the savings made as a result of their previous service design which totalled £400,000. This resulted in band 6 jobs being made into band 5 and as a result trainee turnover has increased with staff moving to other Boards when training is completed. They reported that NHS Lothian have reverted to previous band scales.</li> </ul>	
<b>Impact of item/issues on:</b>	
<b>Strategic Context</b>	The ACF is a statutory Sub Committee of the Board.
<b>Patient Safety/Clinical Impact</b>	None
<b>Staffing/Workforce</b>	Communications about the financial turnaround required to be delivered in different ways to staff at all levels - to ensure that those who do not receive emails receive communications.
<b>Finance/Resources</b>	None

<b>Risk Implications</b>	None
<b>Equality and Diversity</b>	None
<b>Consultation</b>	None
<b>Glossary</b>	ACF - Area Clinical Forum