

Borders NHS Board



Meeting Date: 5 March 2020

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AREA CLINICAL FORUM UPDATE	
Purpose of Report:	
The purpose of this report is to brief the Board on keys items discussed at the Area Clinical Forum (ACF) on 3 rd December 2019.	
Recommendations:	
The Board is asked to note the update from ACF.	
Approval Pathways:	
This report has been endorsed by the ACF.	
Executive Summary:	
ACF requested the following feedback be given to the Board meeting on 5 th December 2019:-	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highlight the requirement for safe staffing. 2. Importance of the development of public protection unit. 3. Primary Care Improvement Plan – is being presented at the meeting. KB asked that the Board engage more with General Practice. 4. Communication with the public – ACF would like to see more communications about the financial situation, setting realistic expectations and that more hard hitting messages be employed. 5. Medical professions' pension and income tax issues. 6. From Area Pharmaceutical Committee:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Shortages and the time taken chasing medicine supplies is taking time away from clinical care. Profile of this difficulty to be raised with the Board. b. The rigmarole involved in sending prescriptions to manufacturers with the time, redacting, scanning and sending – should be made easier. Back orders are not allowed now and must be done in real time and some manufacturers are not allowing delivery of enough stock for patients. c. Pharmacy Champion visits have taken place and APC have reviewed the report. 	
Impact of item/issues on:	
Strategic Context	N/A
Patient Safety/Clinical Impact	Medicines shortages impact on patient safety/clinical impact.
Staffing/Workforce	N/A
Finance/Resources	6a) Shortages have significant impact on staff time and

	drugs budget.
Risk Implications	N/A
Equality and Diversity	None
Consultation	N/A
Glossary	ACF - Area Clinical Forum