

Borders NHS Board



Meeting Date: 2 July 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 23 rd June 2020.	
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:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from Ralph Roberts, Chief Executive, on “Recovery and Re-mobilisation Plans following Covid19 Pandemic” was well received by ACF members. ACF would like to know, as soon as possible, the plans for delivery of services going forward. • ACF noted that the quality of some PPE is poor (GP practice experience) and ask if this can be reviewed; they also ask for the guidelines for patients attending appointments in hospital or practice on the use and supply of PPE. • There was a request for the Board for good communication with public going forward to ensure that the support and engagement we have received so far continues. GPs particularly require communication from BGH consultants/services as their patients are asking them questions they are unable to answer. • ACF request plans for Flu Vaccination. • ACF request a continuation of the nursing supervision that has been well received during the Covid19 pandemic. Nurses have felt valued and it’s had positive impact on their practice during this time. 	
Impact of item/issues on:	
Strategic Context	
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 has changed the meeting time to 13:00 and conducts meeting by Teams to try and engage more attendees.
Finance/Resources	N/A
Risk Implications	None
Equality and Diversity	None
Consultation	
Glossary	ACF - Area Clinical Forum