The Board heard that it was hoped there would be an announcement about the appointment of a new Chief Executive next week to replace Robert Calderwood who is due to retire on March 31st.

Paediatric inpatient transfer from RAH to RHC

The Board today voted to approve the transfer of inpatient paediatric care from ward 15 of Paisley’s Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH) to the Royal Hospital for Children (RHC) following a period of engagement and consultation.

Chairman John Brown recognised the contribution from the staff at the RAH over the years. The Board were also informed that most of the medics already worked across both sites as well as in other paediatric units across the west of Scotland and that during the past year more than 100 young patients had had to be transferred from the RAH to the RHC for more specialist care.

The Board were of the view that the clinical case was overwhelming. The decision will now go to the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport for consideration.

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Prison healthcare update

In November 2011, the responsibility for delivering healthcare to prisoners transferred from the Scottish Prison Service to the NHS. This report delivered positive progress since then which has seen the implementation of a range of development and initiatives including a review of mental health services to bring them into line with the wider NHSGGC services.

Joint Health Improvement Plans for all 3 prisons in our catchment area have also seen an increased number of dental sessions to cope with the very high demand for dental services within the prisons; the introduction of podiatry services to all prisons; consolidated screening services which are now offered to all prisoners bringing equity with community primary care services and the introduction of Blood Born Virus testing for all prisoners on admission as well as a comprehensive treatment programme for prisoners testing positive.

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