

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief updates on today's Board meeting.

Call for equity between mental health and physical health

Dr Linda de Caestecker launched her Director of Public Health biennial report at today's NHSGGC Board meeting – highlighting the need for more resource and focus to be directed at mental health issues.

Her report argues that mental health issues should be treated as being equally important to physical health issues. By caring for residents' minds as well as their bodies we can help them live longer and enjoy a better quality of life.

She told the Board that there is growing evidence on how best to improve public mental health and that promoting mental health not only helps people lead longer and healthier lives, but is also very cost effective.

As a health board, we have an impressive history of innovation and implementation of evidence based interventions to achieve this.

The Director of Public Health report is independent of the Board and aims to influence – not only the health board – but all stakeholders in community planning partnerships and Health and Social Care Partnerships.

Following the Board meeting a media release was issued, [click here to read the full release](#).

[Click here](#) to read the full report "Healthy Minds".

Cross system working is helping A&E targets

Dr David Stewart detailed how a "genuine cross system way of working" between hospitals and health and social care services was delivering incremental performance improvements and benefiting patients right across Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

The unscheduled care update report painted a picture of progress resulting from a raft of initiatives and collaborative working.

Dr Stewart said that the statistics regarding the four hour A&E performance up to October 2017 showed improvements in performance against a background of increased activity.

The Board was encouraged by the report and its conclusion that: "as evidenced in the detail provided there has been significant efforts to deliver the Unscheduled Care Recommendations and our 2017/18 improvement work continues to progress in line with the Board's overall plan."

However Dr Stewart did confirm that the last two weeks have seen dramatically increased activity levels – particularly at the Royal Hospital for Children where activity was up by some 20 per cent. Chairman John Brown, Dr Stewart and the rest of the board in paid tribute to the efforts of staff who been managing these peaks of activity.

[Click here](#) to read the Unscheduled Care Update paper

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