

Core brief

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Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details information on a one-off evidence session on the performance against our Local Delivery Plan and HIV – know the facts.

One-off evidence session on the performance against our Local Delivery Plan

The board and our six HSCPs success in tackling delayed discharges, progress on improving public health and effective Power of Attorney campaigns were today shared with members of the Scottish Parliament's Health and Sport Committee.

The board and our HSCPs were praised for being the country's best at managing delayed discharges, which the committee was told was as a result of acute staff working well with social care colleagues. It was recognised that having an effective system is hard work, however this is made easier by joined up working and an in-depth knowledge of each patients and their specific needs rather than taking a one size fits all approach.

Committee members were encouraged to learn that Public Health is a top priority and to hear about the new Public Health sub-committee formed to help ongoing efforts to improve health across the board area.

A number of questions were asked about ongoing health improvement initiatives and programmes. Smoking cessation and alcohol brief interventions are well known, and information was shared on the progress being made through the work focused on improving good physical and mental health to help increase life expectancy.

Also praised was the Power of Attorney (POA) campaign and its sustained success over the NHSGGC area. The Committee learned the campaign started five years ago and has helped raise awareness of the value in having a POA in place. This can be especially important when people may no longer have capacity and can help speed up decisions that are to their benefit.

Today's committee was attended by John Brown OBE, chairman; Jane Grant, chief executive; Dr Jennifer Armstrong, medical director; Jonathan Best, acting chief officer - acute sector; Mark White, director of finance; and David Williams, chief officer of Glasgow City HSCP.

The Health and Sport Committee is carrying out one-off evidence sessions with all of Scotland's Health Boards with a focus on the performance against their Local Delivery Plans. Boards may also be asked about the performance and progress of their Integrated Joint Boards.

The session will be available to view soon on <https://www.scottishparliament.tv/>

HIV - Know the facts

Like everyone else, people with HIV may need to attend a range of health services for problems that are not HIV-related.

A poll of NHSGGC staff found that a number of staff are still unsure about HIV.

Therefore it is important all NHSGGC staff know some current basics about HIV, what it is, how it is transmitted, how HIV is treated and how to protect yourselves and your patients.

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