

Core brief

The Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde met on Tuesday 30 June.

The Chairman welcomed the Board to the virtual Board meeting, where papers relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent plans for the remobilisation of services in the NHSGGC region were discussed. These were considered alongside operational reports and performance updates.

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The following are the key items that were considered at the meeting:

Staff Flu Vaccination Programme

It was noted that planning for the next influenza season was underway and included both health and social care staff groups. The Board is considering early how to schedule flu vaccinations and are mindful of the potential for COVID vaccinations.

The Board discussed the importance of staff receiving a flu vaccination and agreed that work to improve uptake rates amongst specific staff groups should continue.

Healthcare Associated Infection Report (HAIRT)

Professor Angela Wallace, Executive Director for Infection Prevention and Control, presented the regular report to the Board.

Close communication with Health Protection Scotland and other external organisations has been ongoing throughout the pandemic, with contributions from several members of the Infection Prevention and Control team (IPCT) to national groups using their experience of COVID-19 in the context of frontline services to shape national policy.

The IPCT also provided support to NHS Louisa Jordan on accessing NHSGGC Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), education materials and the IPCT patient management system (ICNET).

Within NHSGGC, all infection prevention and control targets remain within control limits across NHSGGC. Cleaning compliance is 95% and Estates compliance is 97% for this period. [Click here to access the paper.](#)

COVID-19 Update

A paper to update the Board on the overall position regarding NHSGGC's response to the COVID-19 pandemic was presented by the Chief Executive.

Jane Grant paid tribute to all health and social care staff for their dedication and commitment to providing care and support to patients, residents and their families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. She reported on the whole system working approach which had been taken, with rapid implementation of

digital channels and new patient pathways introduced successfully. Despite these changes and the speed of implementation, a patient focussed approach remained at the core of NHSGGC's ways of working.

In response to a question about the ongoing support being provided to care homes, Susanne Millar, Interim Chief Officer, Glasgow HSCP, confirmed that all HSCPs had been working closely with Professor de Caestecker and Dr Margaret McGuire to support care homes and that this was working well. [Click here to access the paper.](#)

Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Royal Hospital for Children Update

The paper 'Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Royal Hospital for Children Update' was presented by the Chief Executive.

The paper provided an update to the QEUH and RHC escalation and associated work streams along with a summary of the findings, recommendations and action status from the publication of the External Review of the QEUH led by Dr Andrew Fraser and Dr Brian Montgomery. The paper also included an update to the work that is underway to address the issues that were highlighted in the review. [Click here to access the paper.](#)

NHSGGC Performance Report

One of the discussion points was the positive implementation of digital methods to conduct virtual outpatient appointments. It was noted that a significant work had been undertaken to implement digital means to enable patients to be seen virtually instead of visiting a doctor's surgery or hospital. The Board were informed that over 5,000 consultations had taken place per month, a significant number of which were in General Practice.

The Board agreed that there continued to be a commitment to deliver care virtually as much as possible, noting that this would be in those cases where the use of digital technology was suitable for the patient and accurate medical consultation and care could be delivered. [Click here to access the paper.](#)

NHSGGC Remobilisation Plan

Medical Director, Dr Jennifer Armstrong, presented NHSGGC's remobilisation plan for the period to 31 July which was submitted to the Scottish Government on 4 June 2020. A range of clinical staff and staff partners had been engaged in the development of the plan. [Click here to access the paper.](#)

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