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<b>Committee Chairperson:</b>	<b>Mrs Audrey Thompson</b>

**Paper Title: Update on Key Items of Discussion at Governance Committee**

**Recommendation**

That the Board note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Area Clinical Forum Meeting of 8 October 2020 as set out below.

**Key Items of Discussion**

**Winter Planning**

Mr Jonathan Best, Chief Operating Officer provided members with an overview of winter planning for 2020. He explained that winter planning would be slightly different this year to manage the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr Best advised that NHSGGC would need to find a delicate balance of remobilisation and the continued arrangements in place with the red and green pathways. He noted that COVID -19 triage hubs and assessment centres would support the response to COVID-19 and there would be the launch of leaflets, booklets and utilisation of social media that would provide service pathways for patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Royal Hospital for Children – At a Glance**

Ms Louise Bell, Senior Charge Nurse, Royal Hospital for Children provided a presentation on “The Royal Hospital for Children At a Glance”. Ms Bell described the various staff and services available to children and families within the hospital on a day to day basis. Ms

Bell also provided a video link of one patient's experience of fasting before emergency surgery "Adeline's Story". Members found the presentation and video link positive and encouraging and were assured by the information provided.

### **Care homes**

Ms. Sandra Blades, Lead Nurse for Professional Governance and Regulation provided an update on the current work related to care homes. She summarised the key elements and of the new additional support and oversight arrangements put in place by the Cabinet Secretary from May 2020. Ms Blades reported that all red and amber rated care homes had been visited and follow up support provided on an ongoing basis. She noted that the Care Inspectorate would undertake inspections to all care homes within NHSGGC by December 2020 and a TURAS digital platform had been developed by NHS Education for Scotland (NES) to record safety huddles and staff testing compliance. Ms Blades informed members of the appointment of an Interim Assistant Chief Nurse for 6 months 0.5 WTE to take the work forward. There had also been a further communication from the Cabinet Secretary to extend the Action Plan from 1 December 2020 until 30 June 2021. The Area Clinical Forum acknowledged the content of the update and were assured by the information provided.

### **Flu Vaccination**

Mrs Audrey Thompson, Chair of the Area Clinical Forum, provided an update from the 2 specific questions related to the provision of flu vaccination to staff of all Independent Contractor Groups and update of the proposed changes to legislation around the vaccine with potential implications for NHSGGC. Mrs Thompson reported that independent contractors were not included as part of the national vaccination programme and any local arrangements would need to be agreed by the Board for the following year in order to procure the required vaccinations. Subsequently, it was agreed that Mrs Thompson would take forward discussions with the Director of Public Health, Prof de Caestecker, and Mr David Leese, Chief Officer, to explore the opportunities to include independent contractors and their staff, in flu vaccination programmes. Mrs Thompson also advised that from the 22,000 comments on the proposed draft legislative changes to the Human Medicine Regulation, the legislation was scheduled to be in place by October 2020. The Forum were content to note the update from the Chair.

### **Mental Health Remobilisation**

Ms Susanne Millar, Chief Officer of Glasgow HSCP provided an overview of Mental Health Remobilisation plans. She noted the ongoing work with digital solutions within community Mental Health triage and reprioritisation. Ms Millar provided an update related to CAMHS and the waiting list initiative to meet targets. She reported that the Mental Health Assessment Unit work was almost complete and Mental Health would be in an augmented phase from October 2020 until March 2021. Ms Millar emphasised the balance between recovery and the increased demand of Mental Health Services to develop an approach from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Forum were content to note the update and were assured by the information provided.

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