

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS BOARD REPORT

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Paper Title	Standing Committee Chairs Board Report
Meeting:	Board Meeting
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Purpose of Paper:	For Assurance
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Name of Reporting Committee	Area Clinical Forum
Date of Reporting Committee	10 June 2021
Committee Chairperson	Audrey Thompson

1. Purpose of Paper:

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at NHS GGC Area Clinical Forum.

2. Recommendation:

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the **Area Clinical Forum** on **10 June 2021** as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion noting purpose; Approval/Assurance/Awareness.

3.1 COVID-19 Update

Dr Linda de Caestecker, Director of Public Health provided an update on COVID-19 case numbers which had increased in Glasgow within the past month and described the rates in different populations. She explained that

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the Delta variant was more transmissible and without vaccination could increase hospitalisation. Dr de Caestecker noted increased testing with focus on schools and hotspot postcodes and roll out of Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) including pick up at Pharmacy. Dr de Caestecker advised that there would be an acceleration in vaccinations and public messaging for the population to adhere to the restrictions reduce transmission. She noted that vaccination progress had been good and with supply would speed up the Programme with younger cohort expected to be vaccinated by September 2021.

Mr Jonathan Best, Chief Operating Officer provided an update on the current position with respect of COVID-19 in the Acute Sector. Mr Best advised that the position in Acute was steady and advised as of today there were 47 positive patients across NHSGGC hospital sites with 3 patient in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and 5 patients within the High Dependency Unit (HDU). He advised of changed visiting arrangements. Mr Best noted that Point of Care testing had worked well. He provided an overview of the ongoing work within Paediatrics and reported that the Acute Sector would remain vigilant as hospital sites remained busy particularly within Trauma over recent weeks. The Area Clinical Forum were content to note the update provided and were assured by the information provided.

3.2 QEUH / RHC Case note Review and Oversight Board Reports Action Plan

Ms Jane Grant, Chief Executive provided an update in respect of the QEUH / RHC Case note Review and Oversight Board Action Plan. She advised that reports would be submitted to the Scottish Government with a detailed drafted action plan. Ms Grant reported that there remained a lot of work ongoing related to the recommendations. She advised that the first meeting of the Advice, Assurance and Review Group (AARG) was held on 7 June 2021 and commented that the meeting had been overall positive. Ms Grant reported that Sandra Bustillo, Director of Communications provided a presentation regarding communications and engagement within the review. The Area Clinical Forum welcomed the update and were assured by regular brief updates that would be provided.

3.3 Remobilisation and Recovery Across NHGGC

Dr Jennifer Armstrong, Medical Director provided a presentation regarding Remobilisation and Recovery Across NHSGGC. She outlined that the presentation's aim would be to describe the process and develop NHSGGC Remobilisation Plan (RMP3); recognise the achievements driven by RMP1 and 2; note the Key Priorities 21/22; provide assurance regarding tracking and monitoring of RMP3 and to share the Internal Audit report which reviewed the planning process. Members welcomed the presentation and were provided with assurance by the information provided.

3.4 Public Protection

Dr Margaret McGuire, Nurse Director provided an update regarding Public Protection and highlighted that there had been an increase in adult protection cases across NHS GGC with many cases linked to gender based violence. She noted that there had been a marked increase Initial Referral Discussions (IRD) and emphasised the timeline for intervention with an increased number of children on the risk register. Dr McGuire reported that additional Child Protection Advisers had been recruited. Dr McGuire reported that Child and Adult Protection would remain on the Corporate Risk Register for appropriate action and education for staff. The Area Clinical Forum were content to note the update provided and were assured by the information provided.

3.5 Membership and Election of Office Bearers

The Area Clinical Forum had a number of new members due to changes within the professional advisory committees. Dr Lesley Rousselet, Chair of the Area Optometric Committee had been elected as new ACF Chair for a 2 year period and Ms Julie Tomlinson, Chair of Area Nursing and Midwifery Committee had been elected as Vice-Chair.

4. Issues for referral to other Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board.

There were no issues for referral to other Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board.

5. Date of Next Meeting: 12 August 2021 at 2.00pm