1. **Purpose of Paper**

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at NHSGGC Acute Services Committee.

2. **Recommendation:**

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Acute Services Committee on Tuesday 20th July 2021 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. **Key Items of Discussion:**

3.1 **Acute COVID-19 Update**

- Paper provided for Awareness
- The Committee noted the slight increase in COVID-19 infections since the last update in May, but also that the number of infections were proving less of a challenge than had been experienced in the Acute Sector in
previous waves, principally due to the younger age of patients involved. The Committee noted that there were fewer numbers in ICU.

- The Committee noted the update and were assured by the information provided that the programme was being maintained.

3.2 Acute Services Integrated Performance Report

- Paper provided for Assurance
- The Committee noted that the elective programme has continued despite the upturn in COVID-19 cases.
- The Committee noted that work continued to deliver care according to the parameters of RMP3. The Committee also note that RMP4 was being discussed and would be in place later in the year.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.3 Strategic Approach to Recovery of Elective Programme - Orthopaedics

- Presentation provided for Awareness
- Considerable assurance was obtained from a presentation about the work of orthopaedic surgeons across all sectors of GG&C designed to recover from the backlog of work following the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Committee noted the presentation and were assured by the valuable work being carried out.

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

- The Committee considered the position in respect of delegated IJB budgets, delayed discharges and recovery of costs from IJBs located out with the Board area. Following discussion, it was agreed that this issue would be remitted to the Finance, Planning and Performance Committee for further consideration and discussion.