1. **Purpose of Paper**

   The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at the 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 21 September 2021 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. **Key Items of Discussion**

3.1 **Acute COVID-19 Update**

   - The Committee received an update on the current position in respect of the NHSGGC response to managing COVID-19 in Acute Services. This item was presented for assurance.

   - The Committee were advised of the current pressures across Acute Services as the number of inpatients and ICU patients had increased due to the recent wave of COVID-19. This committee noted the consequent effect on the elective
programme but were reassured that the cancer, urgent, trauma, endoscopy and outpatient programmes were continuing.

- The Committee noted that the Royal Hospital for Children was also extremely busy but had good systems in place to manage the increased pressures.

- The Committee noted that the programme for Flu and COVID-19 booster vaccinations was commencing.

3.2 Acute Services Integrated Performance Report

- The Committee considered a paper on the Acute Services Integrated Performance Report that provided a summary of performance against the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) outlined in Remobilisation Plan 3 (RMP3). This item was presented for assurance.

- The Committee were assured that performance was good with the exception of 31 day cancer and Delayed Discharges but improvement measures were in place to improve the position.

- The Committee noted that Delayed Discharges were particularly challenging but a significant amount of work on this was underway.

- The Committee noted that ED continued to be under pressure with an increase in attendances and work was underway looking at presentations to and flow through ED. The national messaging on Right Care, Right Place was being driven forward as well as improving public confidence in virtual consultations.

3.3 Presentation on Robotic Assisted Surgery

- The Committee received a presentation on Robotic Assisted Surgery (RAS) in NHSGGC. This item was presented for awareness.

- The Committee were assured of the benefits of RAS and were also assured that a robust system of control and governance on how this was introduced was in place.

3.4 Financial Monitoring Report

- The Committee considered a paper on the Financial Monitoring Report for month 4, to the end of July 2021, which set out the Acute Division revenue position and progress with the Financial Improvement Programme (FIP). This item was presented for awareness.

- The Committee were assured by the information provided and content to note the current financial position.
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

The next meeting of the Acute Services Committee will take place on Tuesday 16 November 2021.