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Name of Reporting Committee	Clinical and Care Governance Committee
Date of Reporting Committee	14 December 2021
Committee Chairperson	Ms Susan Brimelow

1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at the NHSGGC Clinical and Care Governance Committee.

2. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Clinical and Care Governance Committee on 14 December 2021 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

3.1 Overview

The Executive Leads, Dr Jennifer Armstrong, Medical Director, and Dr Margaret McGuire, Nurse Director, provided a verbal overview of current issues for awareness, which included the following.

- The Committee noted that the Healthcare Improvement Scotland Follow up review of the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre enquiry visit had been published. The Committee were advised that the report was generally positive with a clear statement that the service was safe and effective.

- The Committee noted concerns about the potential impact of the new Omicron variant of COVID-19, particularly in relation to delayed discharged and bed capacity.

3.2 Queen Elizabeth University Hospital/Royal Hospital for Children Update

The Committee received a report for assurance which provided a summary of data and information relating to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital campus from a review that had been commissioned to assess clinical quality and safety at the campus.

The Committee were assured by the detailed information which provided a very clear picture of exemplary clinical quality and safety across the campus and noted that there were no outliers in terms of rates of Healthcare Associated Infection with rates similar to or better than comparable hospital sites across Scotland.

3.3 Clinical Risk Management – Clinical Risk Report January 2021-June 2021

The Committee received a report for assurance that provided an update on progress with recommendations for the NHSGGC Policy of the Management of Significant Adverse Events (SAERs) and an update on clinical risk for the time period January 2021-June 2021

The Committee noted the report and recognised the challenges around timelines for actioning and completing SAERS but were assured that actions to improve these were being taken forward through the Clinical and Care Governance forums.

3.4 Scottish National Audit Programme

The Committee received a report for assurance that presented an overview of the Scottish National Audit Programme (SNAP) and the current position in NHSGGC.

The Committee were assured that there was a robust process in place for responding to SNAP and that there was excellent clinical engagement with the audit process in NHSGGC.

3.5 Hospital Standardised Mortality Rate (HSMR)

The Committee received a report for assurance that outlined the Hospital Standardised Mortality Rate (HSMR) data for NHSGGC from April 2020 – March 2021.

The Committee were assured that NHSGGC has maintained an HSMR monitoring process and noted the establishment of focused work in Clyde.

3.6 Patient Experience Report – Quarter 2

The Committee received for assurance the Patient Experience report for Quarter 2 (1 July 2021 – 30 September 2021) that provided an overview of performance and the mechanisms used for feedback about services and how these were used to drive improvement.

The Committee noted the performance and were assured that complaints performance in line with Scottish Government targets had improved over this quarter.

3.7 Person Centred Improvement Programme

The Committee received a report for assurance that provided an update on the progress of the Person-Centred Care Quality Improvement Programme objectives aligned to the Healthcare Quality Strategy for the period April - September 2021.

The Committee were assured by the progress made, particularly in relation to patient visiting, and noted that the Person-Centred Strategic Group was now well-established to provide oversight.

3.8 Healthcare Associated Infection Reporting Template (HAIRT)

The Committee received the Healthcare Associated Infection Reporting Template (HAIRT) for July and August 2021 for assurance. The report provided oversight of the Healthcare Associated Infection targets, incidents and outbreaks and all other Healthcare Associated Infection activities across NHSGGC during this period.

The Committee were assured that that no exception reports had been issued to NHSGGC and that performance was within control limits. The Committee noted the good work that continued in the Improvement Collaborative.

3.9 Health and Safety Executive Prosecution

The Committee received a report for awareness that outlined NHSGGC had been fined £200,000 at Glasgow Sheriff Court on 12 November 2021 following a guilty plea to a breach of health and safety legislation following the suicide of a patient who had been admitted to the QEUH in 2015.

The Committee noted the key findings from the report and the changes that had been implemented since 2015 including the establishment of a Suicide Risk and Design Standards Group.

3.10 West of Scotland Ethics Committees Annual Report

The Committee received for approval the annual report of the West of Scotland Research Ethics Service, which incorporates four NHS Research Ethics Committees.

The Committee were assured by the robustness of the processes outlined in the report and noted the important role of volunteers in health care research.

3.11 West of Scotland Cancer Reports (Quality Performance Indicator Action Plans)

The Committee received a report for assurance which provided an update of NHSGGC's key reporting figures against national Cancer Quality Performance

Indicator (QPI) Action Plans and the audit and governance processes in place around this.

The Committee were assured that this demonstrated a well-established audit and reporting framework and noted that the response to the COVID-19 pandemic had not impacted on this work.

3.12 Extract from Corporate Risk Register

The Committee received a paper for assurance that outlined the current Corporate Risk Register entries that related to the Clinical and Care Governance Committee.

The Committee were assured that the risks were clearly described and scored appropriately.

3.2 Items for Noting

The Committee was content to note the following items that were provided for assurance:

- Approved minute of Board Clinical Governance Forum Meeting of 16 August 2021
- Approved minute of Board Clinical Governance Forum Meeting of 4 October 2021

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 Clinical and Care Governance Committee will take place on Tuesday 1 March 2022.