

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 21/87
Paper Title	Area Clinical Forum Chair's Report
Meeting:	Board Meeting
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Name of Reporting Committee	Area Clinical Forum
Date of Reporting Committee	9 December 2021
Committee Chairperson	Dr Lesley Rousselet

1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at NHSGGC 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 Thursday 9 December 2021 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion:

3.1 COVID-19 Update

- Verbal update by the Chief Operating Officer provided for Awareness.
- The Forum noted the decrease of COVID-19 patients in acute hospitals, including in ICU beds. The volume of ward closures as a result of COVID-19 had also reduced.

- The Forum were advised that there had been a slight upturn in staff absent from work for COVID-19 related illness.
- The Forum noted the verbal update and were assured by the work being undertaken.

3.2 Update on Ongoing Board Business, QEUH/RHC Case Note Review and Oversight Board Reports Action Plan

- Verbal update by the Chief Executive provided for Awareness
- The Forum were advised that although there was a decrease in COVID-19 patients in acute hospitals, cases in the community were rising. Significant work continued to be done against this backdrop to manage urgent cancer and surgery cases.
- The Forum were advised that in the last 2 weeks, there had been further media attention about the QEUH/RHC, and the senior leadership team were in active dialogue with the Scottish Government, as well as doing everything possible to support clinical and non-clinical staff.
- The Forum offered their thanks for the continued work and commitment on these matters and voiced their support for the Executive team and the Board.

3.3 Winter Planning and Unscheduled Care Update

- Presentation provided for Assurance
- The detail of RMP4 was presented to the Forum, and it was confirmed that the full plan was going to the Board on 21 December 2021.
- The Forum were also advised of the work underway for unscheduled care, specifically around Flow Navigation Centres. Phase 1 is well underway, and work is now on Phase 2. This includes looking at additional pathways, to further support the Right Care, Right Place, Right Time agenda. Redirection from EDs/MIUs was now also in place.

3.4 Public Protection Update

- Verbal update provided for Assurance.
- The Forum were provided with a presentation, confirming that new National Child Protection Guidance was in place, which would roll out over the next 18-24 months
- The Forum were also advised that Child Protection referrals rose by 53% since the start of the pandemic, and continue to rise. Additional staff are in place to respond to the demand. There is also a Fatal Accident Inquiry underway
- Adult support training is underway with staff, and the Adult Support and Protection Act is being updated.
- Questions focused on supporting third party contractors in accessing educational support.

3.5 Primary Care Improvement Plans

- Presentation for Assurance.
- The Forum were advised of the transformational change programme for GPs, which aims to improve access, address inequalities and improve population health. This was around redefining the HP role, for patients who most need them. Priorities include the vaccination programme, pharmacotherapy, community treatment and care services, urgent care, community link workers and additional professional roles.

3.6 Culture and Collective Leadership Update

- Presentation for Assurance
- The Forum were given a presentation about the background to the approach and framework, which was about having clear and consistent organisational messages, with managers and clinical leads with effective leadership skills.
- The progress of the plan was also detailed, and which key milestones had been met, as well as additional activities delivered, including a staff mental health and wellbeing plan, peer support and coaching.

3.7 Brief Update from Each Advisory Committee on Salient Business Points and Minutes to Note

- Paper for Assurance

The Forum were given an overview from each Chair of Advisory Committees.

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

The Forum considered the position in respect of each item. RMP4 will be going to the Board for further consideration and discussion.