



Chair's Report

Report to: Board
Date: 13 December 2013
Report by: Paul Edie, Chair
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Agenda Item: 12

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an update on key developments since the 3 October 2013 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Notes the information contained in this report.

Version Control and Consultation Recording Form

Version	Consultation	Manager	Brief Description of Changes	Date
1.0	Senior Management	Chief Executive		5/12/13
	Legal Services			
	Resources Directorate			
	Committee Consultation (where appropriate)			
	Partnership Forum Consultation (where appropriate)			
<p>Equality Impact Assessment</p> <p>To be completed when submitting a new or updated policy (guidance, practice or procedure) for approval.</p>				
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Authorised by Director	Name: P Edie	Date: 5 December 2013 2013		

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is my second report to the Board and since my last report on 3 October 2013 there have been a number of interesting developments.

2.0 RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Three of our Board indicated over the summer months, that they will not be seeking reappointment and will retire from the Board at the end of February 2014. I would like to pay tribute to Theresa Allison, Morag Brown and Douglas Hutchens for the work that they have each done to help establish the Care Inspectorate and to wish them all well in the future.

Douglas and Theresa have served as conveners of the Complaints Sub-Committee and the Resources Committee respectively and Douglas has also served as the Deputy Chair. Their retirements will necessitate a reshuffle, which will be set out to the Board in a separate report to this meeting.

3.0 BOARD STRATEGY SESSION

Board members participated in a very successful strategy planning day in November. At that event we were presented with draft Corporate and Inspection plans, as per On Board guidance, which the Board members proceeded to make highly constructive comments on. We also had a very useful discussion on our shared vision of where we think the Care inspectorate should be going over the next few years.

The draft strategy is now going out for consultation with stakeholders, while the Inspection Plan is to be approved by this Board meeting and will then go for final approval by Scottish Government Ministers.

I was very pleased with the contribution of members to the strategic discussion. We have a wide variety of skills and expertise on our Board and the day helped to pull out the best of those skills, experiences and perspectives from all participants.

4.0 WHITE PAPER ON INDEPENDENCE

The Scottish Government has published its White Paper on independence ahead of next year's referendum. The White Paper makes a number of references to public bodies, including the Care Inspectorate and what will be expected of public services. The Care Inspectorate, as a Non-departmental Public Body will clearly avoid political debate but we continue to be charged with implementing Government policy. We will ensure that staff and the Board are advised of any implications for us.

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5.0 NHS BOARD CHAIRS MEETING

At the suggestion of the Cabinet Secretary, I have now been invited to meetings of NHS Board Chairs. While the Care Inspectorate is not a Health Board it was seen as useful to have us round the table. I attended my first of these meetings on 11 November 2013. I have already found this very useful in seeing how other Chairs are held to account on a quarterly basis by the attending ministers.

6.0 BOARD MEMBERS MEETING WITH CABINET SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The Board were invited to meet with the Cabinet Secretary on 12 November 2013 to discuss our work with him and to hear his views about how we can all work to make social care much better in Scotland, and to give him an opportunity to get to know our Board members and to gain insight into how we think we can improve the work of the Care Inspectorate.

I was pleased to see a very good turnout from Board members particularly as the meeting had been rearranged at very short notice. I understand that the Minister was particularly pleased to learn that all Board members had been out on inspections.

7.0 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Annual Report and Accounts were laid before the Scottish Parliament at the end of November 2013 and were published on 4 December 2013. This is the formal procedure for the Care Inspectorate reporting back to Parliament, though there are many other mechanisms for this throughout the year, such as our accountability session with the Minister and regular meetings with our "Sponsor branch" - the part of the civil service who are tasked with liaising with the Care Inspectorate.

8.0 COSLA

I recently met with Peter Johnston, who has taken on the role of the Chair of COSLA's Health and Wellbeing group to discuss areas of mutual interest, in particular, the role the Care Inspectorate plays in inspecting strategic commissioning.

9.0 SOLACE

I met with George Black, who has just taken over as Chair of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives, to discuss the work of the Care Inspectorate and to share with him our Board's vision of how we can improve services for frail and vulnerable people.

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10.0 SSSC Workforce Data Website

A website comparing workforce data across Scotland's local authorities has been launched by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC). The resource is designed to allow those involved in planning and delivering social services in Scotland to identify gaps in supply, benchmark against other areas and improve their understanding and knowledge.

11.0 HIS ANNUAL REPORT

The work of the Care Inspectorate has been referenced in the Annual Report of Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) published recently. The HIS Chair, Dr Denise Coia highlighted the importance of coordinated care provision, and praised the close working relationship between HIS and the Care Inspectorate and the joint work between our two agencies. The remainder of the report includes details of HIS' approach to person-centred care and care of older people in acute hospitals.

12.0 MEETING WITH THE RQIA

Next week, I will be meeting with the Chair and Chief Executive of the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority, our counterparts from Northern Ireland, to discuss their experiences of inspecting social care. Northern Ireland has, for many years, enjoyed integrated health and social care services so it will be very useful and interesting to hear how they work to improve services there.