

Chair's Report

Report to: Board
Date: 6 March 2015
Report by: Paul Edie, Chair
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an update on key developments since the updated provided to Board on 19 December 2014.

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
	Senior Management			
	Legal Services			
	Resources Directorate			
	Committee Consultation (where appropriate)			
	Partnership Forum Consultation (where appropriate)			
Equality Impact Assessment				
To be completed when submitting a new or updated policy (guidance, practice or procedure) for approval.				
Policy Title:				
Date of Initial Assessment:				
EIA Carried Out			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please attach the accompanying EIA and briefly outline the equality and diversity implications of this policy.				
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Authorised by Director	Name: P Edie		Date: 24 February 2015	

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is my seventh Chair's report which highlights a few of my activities since the Board last met in December 2014.

2.0 BOARD RETIRAL

Sally Witcher, who had been a member of the Board since March 2011 has retired from the Board.

As well as drawing from her wide experience as a senior civil servant and in various senior roles within the voluntary sector she brought a particularly acute perspective as a user of social care services. This was very evident when she served as an effective Vice Chair of our Complaints Sub-Committee. Sally also served on our Audit and Resources Committees.

Sally contributed well to the development of policies, particularly surrounding equalities and marginalised groups, and contributed very effectively when developing our wider board strategies over the years.

I know that all members will want to wish Sally all the best for her future.

3.0 BOARD MEMBER REAPPOINTMENTS

I am delighted to report that Mike Cairns, David Wiseman, Cecil Meiklejohn and Ian Doig have all been reappointed for a further, four year term, each. Noting that the Board have had a number of new members of the last two years and that we are currently seeking a replacement for Sally Witcher, this provides some welcomed continuity.

I personally would like to congratulate them on their reappointments.

The process of replacing Sally Witcher is currently underway.

4.0 MEETING WITH THE CABINET SECRETARY

The Chief Executive and I met with the Cabinet Secretary on 20 January 2015. This was our first meeting with Ms Robison since her promotion to Cabinet Secretary.

5.0 NHS CHAIRS' MEETING – 26 JANUARY 2015

I attended this meeting on behalf of the Care Inspectorate. This was the first NHS Chairs meeting with the new Cabinet Secretary in attendance. The Cabinet Secretary emphasised her three key priorities:

- A refresh of the 20:20 vision link to improvement;
- Integration of health and social care; and

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- Delayed discharges from hospital.

The Scottish Government last year formed a 'Guiding Coalition' of Chairs, Chief Executives and Scottish Government officials that is tasked with taking forward five workstreams.

6.0 GUIDING COALITION MEETING – 11 FEBRUARY 2015

I attended this meeting which had a presentation by Paul Gray, John Matheson and Michael Kellet from Scottish Government on the current position regarding NHS Scotland. The group then heard from the five workstream groups:

- Refresh of the 202:20 vision;
- Clinical engagement;
- Shared services;
- Medicines; and
- Service change.

7.0 BOARD DEVELOPMENT SESSION

The Board holds frequent development sessions where we take, are briefed on and discuss issues that are of relevance to us. In February 2015 we had a session on the issues and proposed changes to the landscape surrounding Criminal Justice Social Work and also the work of the Care Inspectorate in inspection of Alcohol and Drug Partnerships.

8.0 BOARD AND COMMITTEE EFFECTIVENESS AND GOVERNANCE

The Board and all of our Committees have now completed the effectiveness and governance sessions, over January and February 2015.

Having very recently reviewed and changed aspects of our Committee structure including remits it was felt that though the operation of much of the Board was working effectively it was still a little too early to conclusively say that of our Policy and Complaints Committees.

9.0 HIGH LEVEL ADVISORY GROUP ON CARE SCRUTINY

I attended the second meeting of the Care Inspectorate's High Level Advisory Group on Care Scrutiny on 16 February 2015.

The Care Inspectorate is currently reviewing its methodologies. As part of that review and very much in keeping with the spirit and practice of co-production we are keen to engage at an early stage with key stakeholders. To that end, an Advisory Group has been established involving senior stakeholders within the various sectors of the care community.

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The intention is for that group to be able to feed into our development of new practice.

This was the second meeting of the group and we received presentations on the new childminding inspections and also on proposed methodology changes.

10.0 POST OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Annette Bruton has been offered the post as Chief Executive and Principal of Edinburgh College and will be leaving the Care Inspectorate at the end of May 2015.

Annette has been a very effective Chief Executive and has rolled out a much needed and fast paced changes in her three years with us. She has become a widely respected expert on scrutiny and improvement with a worldwide reputation as we found when the OECD requested her involvement in projects in Indonesia.

Annette is moving back to her original discipline, education, and to lead Scotland's largest Further Education College. Her new role will not be without its challenges but Edinburgh College have chosen a very strong Chief Executive who will be very well placed to manage that institution on its next phase of development.

On a personal note I would like to record my thanks to Annette for her wise counsel and her support since my appointment and to wish her every success with her new role.

11.0 HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT SCOTLAND

Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) has published its Clinical Engagement Strategy for 2014/17. This strategy identified five priorities which including having an efficient and cost-effective approach to clinical engagement and to continually review approaches.

HIS also held a very useful seminar recently on their duties as a Corporate Parent.

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