

Chair's Report

Report to: Board
Date: 2 October 2015
Report by: Paul Edie, Chair
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Agenda Item: 13

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an update on key developments since the updated provided to Board on 26 June 2015.

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.				
If no, you are confirming that this policy will have no negative impact on people with a protected characteristic and a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required.			Name: Paul Edie Position: Chair	
Authorised by Director	Name: P Edie		Date: 25 September 2015	

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is my ninth Chair's report which highlights a few of my activities since the Board last met in June 2015.

2.0 BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

I am delighted to welcome Gavin Dayer as our newly appointed member of the Board. This follows the retiral of Dr Sally Witcher and I am pleased to advise that Gavin has already taken up post. In the last 15 years Gavin has mainly been involved in the employment sector working in partnership with individuals with disabilities to assist them gain employment. He has a BA (Hons) in Politics and Social Policy and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Careers Guidance from the University of the West of Scotland and will be graduating shortly from the University of Strathclyde with a Post-Graduate Diploma in Person-Centred Counselling.

Gavin will take his place on both Resources and Complaint Committees.

3.0 HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT SCOTLAND (HIS) BOARD MEETINGS

I attended the Board meeting of Healthcare Improvement Scotland in Glasgow on 26 August 2015.

4.0 MEETING WITH THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, WELLBEING AND SPORT

The Chief Executive and I welcomed Shona Robison, MSP, and Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport, to Compass House, Dundee on 17 August 2015. We had a very constructive discussion, particularly surrounding the future strategic direction of the Care inspectorate.

5.0 MEETINGS BETWEEN THE CHAIRS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT SCOTLAND

The Chief Executives and Chairs have regular meetings with our counterparts at Healthcare Improvement Scotland. These continue to be very productive and our latest meetings took place on 10 August 2015 at which we discussed how we could better align our Strategic Inspections.

6.0 MEETINGS WITH CHAIR OF CHAIRS OF ADULT PROTECTION AND OF CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES

I met with Alex Davidson, Chair of the APC Chairs on 10 July 2015 and with Anne Houston, Chair of the CPC Chairs on 16 July 2015 to discuss the ever changing and challenging agendas in both these areas. Both meetings were very informative and productive.

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7.0 NHS CHAIRS MEETING

I attended the NHS Chairs meeting in Edinburgh on 31 August 2015.

8.0 DEVELOPMENT EVENT: SSSC

On 18 August 2015 I attended a SSSC Council Members development event. The theme of the day was looking at Council Members self-assessment, areas for development and succession planning and this was informative and well received by all attending.

9.0 ACTING DIRECTOR INSPECTION

I took part in the interviews for the appointment of our new Acting Director of Inspection on 17 August 2015 and was delighted to announce that Kevin Mitchell was selected and took up the post with immediate effect. The permanent post will be advertised in the near future.

10.00 PARTNERSHIP FORUM

On 18 August 2015 I met with Partnership Forum. This was the first of my regular half yearly meetings with them when I have the opportunity to discuss current actions and concerns. We had a very constructive discussion and I am pleased with the relationship we have built with our unions.

11.0 INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS CONFERENCE

I attended, with the Acting Director of Strategic Development, day one of the International Federation of Social Workers Conference (IFSW) on 7 September 2015. This was a very useful opportunity to meet other groups in the Social Work and Care sector and to get an idea of issues common to us all.

12.0 STAFF CONFERENCE

I was delighted to have the opportunity to speak at our annual staff conference on 8 September 2015 and in particular to be able to introduce Shona Robison, MSP, and Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport. It was very heartening to be given such good feedback on the content of the conference this year and the positive impact in which the speeches made by both myself and the Chief Executive were received. The external presentations were engaging and informative and the workshops were varied and well attended. I was particularly pleased to see that a number of our Board Members in attendance this year.

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13.0 VISITS TO CARE INSPECTORATE OFFICES

I have continued with my programme of visits to Care Inspectorate Offices learning more about the work of our staff and also hearing from them, first hand, about the challenges they face.

Since the last Board meeting I have visited offices in Paisley, Hamilton, Elgin, Oban, Western Isles, Shetland and Orkney. These visits have provided me with a useful opportunity to learn more about the work our staff members do and on how staff are feeling generally. I particularly enjoyed my visits to the island offices and Elgin as I had not been to these offices before.

I would like to give my thanks to all these offices for the warm welcome that I received.