

Chair's Report

Report to: Board
Date: 28 March 2014
Report by: Paul Edie, Chair
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an update on key developments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Notes the information contained in this report.

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	Senior Management			
	Legal Services			
	Resources Directorate			
	Committee Consultation (where appropriate)			
	Partnership Forum Consultation (where appropriate)			
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

I am delighted to bring forward my first report of 2014. There have been a number of very important developments for the Care Inspectorate since my last report these include the following.

2.0 NEW BOARD MEMBERS

I spent much of January working on the recruitment of new Board members to replace Theresa Allison, Morag Brown and Douglas Hutchens all of whom retired earlier this month.

We have a very strong field with 67 applicants. Three members have been appointed by the Cabinet Secretary and they are:

- Anne Houston – currently Chief Executive of Children First, Anne has a very long and strong track record of working in children’s services.
- Linda Pollock - was Nurse Director with NHS Lothian Primary Care and having retired from that role is involved as a member of the Board of Enable and the Accounts Commission.
- Christine Dunlop has experience working in mental health but has, for a considerable time, managed a large adult social care service.

Our new board members all bring different skills, experiences and perceptions to the board and will complement those of our other board members. These are really exciting appointments and I am looking forward to working with each of the new members immensely.

3.0 PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) BILL

In March, the Public Bodies (Joint Working) Bill was unanimously agreed by the Scottish Parliament. The Bill (or Act as it will be following Royal Assent) replaces Community Health partnerships with integrated arrangements. The details of the proposed arrangements will be covered in more detail in a report later in the agenda of this meeting but the implications for the Care Inspectorate will mean more joint Strategic Inspections with Healthcare Improvement Scotland of adult social care pathways. We are already ahead of the game on this with pilots for these having taken place last year.

4.0 JOINT SEMINAR WITH HIS

The Care Inspectorate takes our duty of cooperation with other agencies very seriously. This is reflected in many ways but particularly at present with the joint working between Healthcare Improvement Scotland over Joint Strategic Inspections.

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To discuss the implications of the Health and Social Care integration Bill both boards met in a joint seminar at the end of 2013. A number of useful observations came out of the meeting not least a heightened understanding of what each of our bodies actually does. We had presentations from Gary Coutts who has championed the Lead Agency model of integration and from Peter Johnston who has worked with the Body Corporate version of integration both of whom were able to tell us about the benefits of integrated working.

I was very heartened by the excellent attendance from both boards and the good working relationship we had. There was a strong desire to repeat the process at least annually.

5.0 MINISTERIAL LAUNCH

On March the 25th I will be participating in the launch of our physical activities resource with Michael Matheson MSP the Minister of Health and Wellbeing.

6.0 HIS CEO

At our partners Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS), Acting Chief Executive John Glennie will be ending his temporary post on the 31 March 2014.

John has been an immensely effective chief executive who has played a major role in supporting the development of HIS. I have very much enjoyed working with John and we wish him well in a long and happy second retirement.

John will be greatly missed but he is to be replaced by a colleague who we know well at the Care Inspectorate. Angolina Foster currently works in a senior role with our sponsor branch having worked with the Housing both with Edinburgh City, where I first met her and then with Homes for Scotland. She is a very strong appointment and we wish her every success.

7.0 HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE EVIDENCE SESSION

The Health and Sport Select Committee invited various regulators in February for annual accountability review. I was joined by our Chief Executive Annette Bruton and we were asked some very challenging questions by members of the committee. The committee were extremely positive about the values and work of the Care Inspectorate and the direction of travel of our expert teams and the strong messages we have been sending out to service providers about improvement.

8.0 HAMILTON SCHOOL NURSERY CLOSURE

The final report into the Hamilton Nursery school in Aberdeen was published a week ago. It makes stark reading. The deterioration in the management of the nursery was brought to our attention through our complaints procedure and I

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was very impressed by the speed of the action taken by our complaints, inspection and registration teams when this was raised.

I understand that there have been many positive comments from various sources made about the care Inspectorate approach to of handling this issue. Of course we recognise the difficult situation that parents and children faced. I would like to add my own thanks to our staff who worked very hard to manage a difficult situation and who, by keeping their eyes on the best interests of young children, so clearly demonstrated the positive values of this agency.

9.0 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION CONFERENCE

I was delighted to speak at a conference run by Westminster Conferences in Edinburgh earlier this month on the topic of Health and Social Care Integration. I outlined the various roles that the Care Inspectorate performs and also what the new legislations will mean for us. Questions from the floor included queries about care methodologies and information sharing as well as the topic of commissioning.

10.0 SSSC CARE AMBASSADORS RECEPTION

I was delighted to represent the Care Inspectorate at a reception at the Scottish Parliament marking the Scottish Social Services Councils Care Ambassadors.

11.0 PARTNERSHIP FORUM

I had my second meeting with representatives of our staff side at the end of February. I was heartened to learn that promises of more partnership forum meetings by management had been honoured and that relations between partners were on a very positive footing.