

NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	Paper No. 20/02
Meeting:	NHSGGC Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	25th February 2020
Purpose of Paper:	For Noting
Classification:	Board Official
Name of Reporting Committee	Public Health Committee
Date of Reporting Committee	29th January 2020
Committee Chairperson	Mr John Matthews

Paper Title: Update on Key Items of Discussion at Governance Committee

Recommendation:

That the Board note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Public Health Standing Committee of 29th January 2020 as set out below.

Key Items of Discussion:

1. Implementation of the Public Health Strategy in Inverclyde HSCP

The Committee considered the paper and presentation from Ms Long, Chief Officer and Ms Cummings, Service Manager Primary Care, Public Health & Equalities, of Inverclyde HSCP about the implementation of the Public Health Strategy in Inverclyde HSCP. The committee noted that they had been provided with a level of assurance on how the strategy is being implemented locally.

Other Chief Officers will be invited to attend this meeting to advise how the strategy is being implemented in their local area.

2. Annual Screening Report 2019

Professor de Caestecker advised the Committee that the main challenge remains the uptake of screening in deprived areas and that work is being carried out with local communities to improve uptake. The priorities for the service are to improve the diagnostic service capacity; further reduce the waiting times for colonoscopy; implement the changes to Cervical and Pregnancy Screening by implementing HPV testing (cervical screening) and non-invasive prenatal diagnosis (pregnancy screening).

3. Annual Review and approval of Committee's Terms of Reference

Mr Forrester attended the meeting to advise the Committee that the annual review of the Board's standing committees was due and that work undertaken nationally on standards for committees had been completed and work on terms of references will be completed this year. Mr Forrester advised the proposed changes and following discussions with the committee, he advised that he would action their comments.

4. Public Health Standing Committee Meetings

The committee had discussed the number and format of meetings at its meeting in October 2019. Mr Matthews proposed that the number of meetings remained at 4 per annum and that a development session would be arranged for during the year. The committee approved this arrangement.

5. Annual Operational Plan (AOP)

The population health section of the Annual Operational Plan 2020/2021 which had been written by the Public Health Directorate had been circulated to committee members. Professor de Caestecker advised the committee that the full document had been prepared for the Scottish Government. She said that there would be a further version and that the committee would have the opportunity to influence the section. She would be happy to take any comments from the committee.

6. Coronavirus

Professor de Caestecker provided the committee with an update on the situation. She advised that Health Protection Scotland (HPS) is responsible for managing this in Scotland and NHSGGC's Health Protection Team is assisting. Clinical and lab guidance has been developed and there is a briefing every morning to advise the Scottish Government of the situation.