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1. Purpose

The purpose of the attached paper is to:

This paper is to make members aware of the ongoing planning for the forthcoming session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

2. Executive Summary

The paper can be summarised as follows:

There is considerable NHS GGC planning as well as participation in national planning for COP26 to ensure the conference is as Covid safe as possible and that our services can cope with any increased demand or challenges.

Recommendations

The NHS Board is asked to note the planning underway.

3. Response Required

This paper is presented for awareness.

4. Impact Assessment

The impact of this paper on NHSGGC's corporate aims, approach to equality and diversity and environmental impact are assessed as follows:

- Better Health Neutral
- Better Care Positive
- Better Value Neutral
- Better Workplace Positive
- Equality & Diversity Neutral
- Environment Positive

5. Engagement & Communications

The issues addressed in this paper were subject to the following engagement and communications activity:

There have been meetings with managers and the APF about the impact of COP26 including travel.

6. Governance Route

This paper has been previously considered by the following groups as part of its development:

The Population Health and Well-Being Committee.

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1. Introduction

This paper is to make members aware of the ongoing planning for the forthcoming session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

2. Background

The event will be held at the SECC campus from 31st October to the 12th November with a daily attendance of c 10,000 delegates and 4000 members of staff. There will also be a range of supporting events for the public and two planned marches of activists on the 5th and 6th of November.

3. Assessment

Planning for the impact of COP26 on NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde continues. There is an internal planning group with sub groups looking at issues for staff and another on issues for primary and community care. The Board is also working with Public Health Scotland and Public Health England on test, trace and isolate and with Glasgow City Council on the wider impact on the City.

There is also close working with the Scottish Government Emergency Preparedness Resilience and Response Division.

There are five main areas of work for the Board:

- Contributing to the planning of the actual event - this has principally been the role of Glasgow City Council and the Scottish Ambulance Service who will be providing care in the actual conference venue.

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- Planning for the impact of the event on NHS GGC staff and services and for NHS GGC involvement in the daily command control and coordination structure.
- Ensuring readiness for a Major Incident including plans are up to date and providing training for a range of staff.
- Considering the additional requirements/demands for NHS services during the event.
- Ensuring the event is as Covid-safe as possible and that we are prepared for any public health outbreaks

1. **Communications**

- 1.1. To ensure staff and managers are informed and aware of the potential impact of the event there is a dedicated section on the Board's website.
- 1.2. Core Briefs have a standard banner on COP26 and include a revised message about home working and being part of the 30% reduction on the transport network.
- 1.3. All services have assessed any likely impact from the conference for their service.
- 1.4. All primary and community care services and relevant General Managers in acute services have been sent the postcode data of areas affected to facilitate planning and communication to patients who might need access to hospital such as pregnant women.
- 1.5. Arrangements to ensure that staff can gain access to patients in the affected areas has been agreed.
- 1.6. Public messaging from GCC and Transport Scotland commenced on the 4th October.
- 1.7. This will be a comprehensive advertising campaign with messaging on buses, in the Subway, on digital platforms (Twitter/Spotify etc) and radio/TV. Will focus on the four 'Rs':
 - Re-route
 - Re-time
 - Re-mode
 - Re-duce
- 1.8. Texts are being issued via Netcall to patients with in person appointments at hospital during the event.

2. **Training**

- 2.1 Training has been provided across key areas associated with a potential emergency response.
 - Personal Protective Equipment for High Consequence Infectious Diseases.

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- Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear defence training.
- Major incident training.
- Strategic Leadership.

3. Capacity

Information from other COP conferences and from the recent G7 summit is that there was a limited demand for hospital admission and as such no specific provision has been made for additional inpatient capacity.

Daily attendance will be capped at 14,000 delegates a day due to social distancing requirements. This is equivalent to the capacity of the Hydro. By way of contrast the three main football stadiums have daily capacity of over 50,000.

Many delegates are not staying in hotels in Glasgow but will be travelling daily into the city.

There is a medical treatment centre open in the conference staffed by doctors and advanced paramedics and their aim is to deal with minor ailments and injuries on site and to direct people to access community pharmacy for any medications required.

It is likely that the biggest demand for healthcare will be from activists who will be attending the event and the 2 activist marches on 5th and 6th of November. The march on 6th November has been licensed for up to 100,000 people.

Additional staffing is being sought for the emergency departments. Additional staff are being put in place for the mental health assessment units and the police custody service.

Facilities and procurement have reviewed delivery routes and stockholdings to ensure there is no impact on service delivery for the Board.

4. Conclusions

Planning and exercising for COP26 is well developed.

Work will continue locally and in national multi-agency groups up to and during the event.

5. Recommendations

Members are asked to note the planning underway.

6. Implementation

All directors are responsible for ensuring that staff and services are prepared for the conference.

7. Evaluation

All areas will be asked to complete a lessons learned exercise following the event and this learning shared to inform ongoing resilience planning in the Board and to share with wider partners for future conferences.