

NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	Paper No. 21/77
Paper Title	Standing Committee Chairs Board Report
Meeting:	Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	26 October 2021
Purpose of Paper:	For Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Name of Reporting Committee	Area Clinical Forum
Date of Reporting Committee	12 August 2021
Committee Chairperson	Dr Lesley Rousselet

1. Purpose of Paper:

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at NHS GGC Area Clinical Forum.

2. Recommendation:

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the **Area Clinical Forum** on **12 August 2021** as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion noting purpose; Approval/Assurance/Awareness.

3.1 COVID-19 Update

Mr Jonathan Best, Chief Operating Officer provided an update on the current position with respect to COVID-19 in the Acute Sector. Mr Best advised the

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position in Acute Sector remained steady noting there were 88 positive inpatients across NHSGGC hospital sites with 8 patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). High Dependency Units (HDU) were busy with Covid patients highlighting the change in demographics with younger age groups requiring fewer clinical treatments.

Mr Best advised of the closure of 3 wards in Glasgow Royal Infirmary (GRI) with COVID-19 and reported approximately 400 staff members were absent due to various COVID-19 related matters, many of those with long COVID-19 whom were being supported through Occupational Health. Mr Best reported Emergency Departments (ED) were extremely busy and there were communications locally to highlight that unless a condition was life threatening, patients were to call NHS 24 or 111 to help get the right care for their illness or injury. Mr Best advised that pressures continued and the Acute Sector would remain vigilant. The Area Clinical Forum were content to note the update provided and were assured by the information provided.

3.2 Update on Ongoing Board Business

Ms Jane Grant, Chief Executive provided an overview of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Test and Protect and Vaccination programmes continued, NHSGCC were awaiting further guidance from the Scottish Government on Vaccinations progressing into the winter.

Ms Grant advised the main focus would be Remobilisation noting that there had been numerous developments within RMP3 and RMP4 and the focus would be to ensure that positive aspects within the work remained. Ms Grant noted that work had resumed with the Financial Improvement Programme (FIP) which would ensure financial balance moving forward addressing the recurring deficit. Ms Grant reported that work continued with elective waiting lists and backlogs related to Acute Sectors, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and the Psychological Therapies Service which would ensure that the required level of performance would be delivered. The Area Clinical Forum were content to note the update provided and were assured by the information provided.

3.3 QEUH / RHC Case note Review and Oversight Board Reports Action Plan

Ms Jane Grant, Chief Executive provided an update in respect of the QEUH / RHC Casenote Review and Oversight Board Reports Action Plan. Ms Grant reported that there remained a wealth of work in relation to the recommendations noting the meeting of the Advice, Assurance and Review Group (AARG) had been postponed at the request of the Scottish Government, to the following week to ensure the action plans were

progressing positively. Ms Grant advised the initial hearing in the process of the legal case was underway noting the outcome of the first phase which examined the validity of the claim was expected to be available by the end of September. Ms Grant explained the Scottish Hospitals Public Inquiry was progressing with the exchange of information and visits to the QEUH and RHC by members of the Public Inquiry Team. Hearings were anticipated to start 20th September 2021 with families and patients providing their evidence to the Public Inquiry Team. The Area Clinical Forum welcomed the update and were assured by regular brief updates that would be provided.

3.4 Remobilisation and Winter Planning

Ms Fiona Mackay, Director of Planning delivered a presentation regarding Remobilisation and Winter Planning across NHSGGC. Ms Mackay outlined the presentation's aim was to describe the process and development of NHSGGC Remobilisation Plan (RMP4); recognise the achievements driven by RMP1, 2 and 3; note the Key Priorities 21/22; and to provide assurance regarding tracking and monitoring of RMP3. Members welcomed the presentation and were provided with assurance by the information provided.

3.5 Annual Review of Area Clinical Forums Terms of Reference

Ms Elaine Vanhegan, Head of Corporate Governance and Administration provided an update in respect of the Annual Review of Area Clinical Forum Terms of Reference. Ms Vanhegan advised the Terms of Reference for Committees within NHSGGC were created in line with the approach to Active Governance ensuring effective Assurance Operating Requirements. Ms Vanhegan noted the minor changes to the Forums Terms of Reference and asked Area Clinical Forum to review the remit and ensure it remained fit for purpose. The Area Clinical Forum were provided with assurance by the information and were content to approve the Terms of Reference.

4. Issues for referral to other Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board.

There were no issues for referral to other Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board.

5. Date of Next Meeting:

27 October 2021 at 2.00pm