

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 22/55
Meeting:	NHS Board
Date of Meeting:	23 August 2022
Title:	QEUH/RHC Update
Sponsoring Director/Manager:	Tom Steele, Director of Estates and Facilities Elaine Vanhegan, Director of Corporate Services & Governance
Report Author:	Elaine Vanhegan, Director of Corporate Services & Governance

1. Purpose

The purpose of the attached paper is to:

Update the Board on the position regarding the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Royal Hospital for Children in respect of:

- The Public Inquiry
- The Police Investigation
- The Legal Claim
- The Rectification Programme

2. Executive Summary

The paper describes the significant activity which continues across all of the strands of work related to the QEUH/RHC.

3. Recommendations

There are no formal recommendations within the paper.

4. Response Required

This paper is presented for **awareness**.

5. 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 **Positive**
- Better Care **Positive**
- Better Value **Negative**
- Better Workplace **Positive**
- Equality & Diversity **Neutral**
- Environment **Positive**

6. Engagement and Communication

The issues described within the paper are subject to wide engagement across the organisation with each aspect led by a Corporate Director.

7. Governance Route

The issues described have been considered by the Executive Oversight Group and the Corporate Management Team, both chaired by the Chief Executive and the Finance Planning and Performance Committee.

8. Date Prepared and Issued

Date prepared: 16 August 2022.

Date issued: 16 August 2022.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 22/55
Meeting:	NHS Board
Date of Meeting:	23 August 2022
Title:	QEUH/RHC Update
Sponsoring Director/Manager:	Tom Steele, Director of Estates and Facilities Elaine Vanhegan, Director of Corporate Services & Governance
Report Author:	Tom Steele, Director of Estates and Facilities Elaine Vanhegan, Director of Corporate Services & Governance

1. Introduction

This paper is presented to update Board members on the position regarding a number of issues related to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) and the Royal Hospital for Children (RHC). It is provided for the purposes of information and assurance.

2. Background

Board members will be familiar with the issues in respect of the QEUH and RHC, including the lodging of legal action against Multiplex, Currie & Brown and Capita, the Scottish Hospitals Public Inquiry and the Police Investigation. This paper provides an update to the Board, with detailed consideration undertaken at the Finance Planning and Performance Committee.

3. Assessment

3.1 Public Inquiry

The Scottish Hospitals Public Inquiry (the Inquiry) was launched in August 2020. The first substantive hearings of the Inquiry commenced on 20 September 2021 and concluded on 14 November 2021. The oral evidence was provided by families and patients affected by the issues being explored by the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry. Further hearings were held in May 2022 mainly in respect of NHS Lothian with the first week focusing on the Theory and Practice of Ventilation. This was explored at a high level and the Inquiry did not, at this stage, apply any of the

principles of ventilation to the QEUH. As such, there were no specific issues for the Board arising from this chapter of evidence. There is likely to be a more focused examination of ventilation arrangements at the QEUH in future evidential hearings.

As previously advised, the next diet of oral hearings relating to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and the Royal Hospital for Children have been postponed, as have the Lothian scheduled hearings. Further information is still awaited.

Significant activity continues responding to the Inquiry's approach to requesting information (RFIs). These come in themed tranches, looking for both narrative explanations to specific questions, as well as the provision of key documents. The Executive Working Group remains active in order to co-ordinate and respond to the volume of RFIs, reporting weekly to the Executive Oversight Group.

The Witness Engagement and Support Team (WEST) of the Inquiry continue to make contact with a number of key individuals within NHSGGC, with our Witness Support process engaged in this element of the work focussing on the welfare of our staff. GGC Counsel have also been consulting staff in preparation for future hearings.

3.2 Police Investigation

Police Scotland continue their investigation in respect of four deaths at the QEUH/RHC. We continue to work in a collaborative manner with the Senior Investigating Officers in order to ensure staff are supported, with a single point of contact through which requests for staff access/interview and information can be made. This is in keeping with the Board's current processes with a Witness Support Officer in place. Staff are advised to contact our Witness Support Officer for advice and support. Guidance for staff is available with the welfare of our staff paramount whilst still engaging with the investigation acknowledging the many other strands underway. There is no indication at this stage how long investigations will continue.

3.3 Civil Claims

The Board has now received 28 intimations of claim in respect of QEUH and RHC. There is close working between the PMO and CLO on the related themes, however at this stage all cases are currently sisted.

3.4 The Legal Claim

The first legal summons to defenders Multiplex Construction Europe Limited, BPY Holdings LP, Currie and Brown UK Ltd, and Capita Property and Infrastructure Ltd was lodged on 22 January 2020 covering the initial 11 heads of Claim. Three further court summons have since been served.

The chilled water system, served in April 2021, internal cladding served in March 2022 and external wall construction in June 2022. These have now all be sisted by the court. Work continues with our legal advisers to see what could be adjudicated or resolved by direct engagement with the defenders.

3.5 QEUH/RHC Rectification Programme

Significant activity is underway to manage the rectification programme as a result of the defects identified. Successful recruitment has allowed additional resources to be aligned with this programme of work. Agreement on phasing and contract terms for the first major part of the rectification programme, the Adult Hospital Atrium wall linings replacement, are being finalised. Works are now expected to commence in October.

In the next few months other activities already commenced, e.g. rectification works to en-suite bedrooms, will increase. In particular, engagement with clinical service leads to ensure that delivery plans are robust and well communicated. Works to rectify the ETFE roof operation (Atrium bubble safety roof) will commence in August.

Further development of deliverable solutions to the energy centre performance and glazing remediation will follow. NHSGGC continue to meet regularly with statutory authorities and advisors, including Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council Building Standards, to inform and assist with risk management and emerging legislative guidance.

4. Conclusions

The Executive Oversight Group (EOG) continues to meet weekly to oversee all aspects described in relation to the QEUH and RHC. The Senior Team remain clear that focus is required to ensure effective response to the many demands, as well as ensuring patients, families and staff are supported.

5. Recommendations

There are no specific recommendations.

6. Implementation

Implementation and ongoing work has been detailed in Section 3.

7. Evaluation

This is not applicable at this stage.

8. Appendices

There are no appendices.