

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 22/09
Paper Title	Area Clinical Forum Chair's Report
Meeting:	Board Meeting
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Purpose of Paper:	For Assurance
Classification:	Official Sensitive
Name of Reporting Committee	Area Clinical Forum
Date of Reporting Committee	10 February 2022
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 NHSGGC 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 Thursday 10 February 2022 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion:

3.1 COVID-19 Update

- Verbal update by the Chief Operating Officer provided for Awareness.
- The Forum were advised of the noticeable improvements with 264 inpatients and 8 patients in ICU. 12 Acute Wards remain closed, however in mid-January there were 28. Concerns remain with high staffing absences due to COVID-19, Long COVID and self-isolation.

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- The Forum were informed of the challenges with delayed discharges of 293, work was ongoing with IJBs and the corporate nursing team to reduce the figures however care homes were experiencing the same staffing challenges and there were a number of care homes closed to new admissions.
- The Forum noted that NHSGGC continued to promote vaccination, ensuring clinics were available and encouraging the public to come forward.
- The Forum noted the verbal update and were assured by the work being undertaken.

3.2 Update on Ongoing Board Business

- Verbal update by the Chief Executive provided for Awareness.
- The Forum were advised that the Board continued to work on a 'Governance-light approach' which was anticipated to continue until the end of March 2022. There were a number of Senior Executive Members retiring in the coming weeks, Dr Margaret McGuire, Prof Linda de Caestecker and Mr Jonathan Best.
- The Forum noted the ongoing public enquiry which would continue for some time and the legal case associated with the QEUH. A COVID-19 public enquiry had commenced and would take prominence in the coming months.
- The Forum were advised work was ongoing with recovery (RMP4) on the elective programme and how to address waiting lists. The Board's financial plan for the coming year would emerge in the weeks to follow. Recognition for staff across the Board and the need for respite was noted as there was a requirement of balance of all competing priorities.
- The Forum offered their thanks for the continued work and commitment on these matters and voiced their support for the Executive team and the Board.

3.3 CAMHS

- Verbal update by the Chief Officer, GGC GP OOH Service for Assurance.
- The Forum were provided with an overview of the CAMHS service which had been challenging with the impact of COVID-19 on mental health. The existing workforce plan was developed in 2012 to manage 4000 cases across NHSGGC and currently there were 7681 open cases which highlighted the increase and demand.
- The Forum were advised of significant input from the Scottish Government of funding of 6.1 million awarded to NHSGGC on a recurring basis for additional resources through Mental Health Renewal and Recovery which was received in July 2021. Phase 1 would see the workforce increase for the locality HSCPs with additional focus on waiting times and ensuring the CAMHS specification could be implemented. Phase 2 funding would require regional plans focused on the specialist work of intensive care, neuro-development work, forensic and secure services. There was a significant robust workforce plan in place ensuring NHSGGC were managing the demand under the difficult circumstances.

- The Forum noted NHSGGC were demonstrated to be national leaders in digital for adopting technology during COVID-19.
- The Forum noted the verbal update and were assured by the work being undertaken.

3.4 Brief Update from Each Advisory Committee on Salient Business Points and Minutes to Note

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The Forum were given an overview from each Chair of Advisory Committees.

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

The next meeting of the Area Clinical Forum will take place on Thursday 21 April 2022.