

Standing Committee Chairs Board Report

NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	Paper No. 23/95
Paper Title	Standing Committee Chairs Board Report
Meeting:	Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	19 December 2023
Purpose of Paper:	For Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Name of Reporting Committee	Acute Services Committee
Date of Reporting Committee	21 November 2023
Committee Chairperson	Mr Ian Ritchie

1. Purpose of Paper:

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at NHS GGC Acute Services Committee.

2. Recommendation:

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Acute Services Committee on Tuesday 21 November 2023 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

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

3.1 Acute Update

- Verbal update provided for Awareness
- The committee noted the focus on Planned Care, Outpatient wait times, and Unscheduled Care.
- The committee were briefed on the security incident reported in the press.
- High occupancy rates posed challenges.

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- The Committee noted COVID cases and the strict infection control process in place.
- The Committee acknowledged ongoing work on cancer waiting times.

3.2 Acute Services Integrated Performance Report

- Paper provided for Assurance
- The Committee noted:
 - i. Exceeded targets for new outpatients, TTG, and scopes activity.
 - ii. TTG patient wait times aligned with plans for September 2023.
 - iii. New outpatients waiting over 78 weeks remained in planned position.
- The Committee recognised the following challenges:
 - i. 31-day and 62-day cancer time performance
- The Committee reflected on how sickness absence improved but remained above the local 5% target.
- The Committee were assured by the report.

3.3 Junior Doctor Workforce/ Educational Review

- Paper provided for Awareness
- The Committee noted that Trainees account for around 40% of the NHSGGC medical workforce.
- The Committee were advised that the IRH and PRM had been de-escalated from enhanced monitoring following favourable Deanery visits.
- The Committee noted that a pilot 7 day induction for FY1s was offered– an extension of the standard five days which has been the norm in GGC for a number of years.
- The Committee were content by the report.

3.4 Financial Monitoring Report

- Paper provided for Assurance.
- The Committee noted In September 2023, a deficit of £39.6M was confirmed.
- The sustainability and value program aimed for £58.5M savings, with achieved recurring savings at £9.7M.
- Challenges in Medical Salaries included high-cost Agency Locums, additional EPA's, and sickness cover.
- The Junior Medical budget was £7.6M over budget.
- Nursing had a budget overspend of £4.5M.
- The Committee were advised of financial challenges faced by the Board.
- The Committee were assured by the report.

3.5 Organ Donation Update

- Paper provided for awareness

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- The Committee acknowledged the continued progress, effort and improvements made by NHSGGC staff in facilitating organ / tissue donation, especially during the ongoing NHS pressures.
- The Committee recognised NHSGGC continues to support the Organ and Tissue Donation Committee and Clinical Leads for Organ Donation in promoting best practice as we seek to minimise missed donation opportunities.
- The Committee noted the report.

3.6 Transnasal Endoscopy Update

- Paper provided for Awareness.
- The Committee noted that TNE was first used in NHSGGC in 2021; there are now three TNE clinics delivered per week, one in each Sector
- The Committee were advised that TNE lists provide the same capacity as traditional transoral Endoscopy lists in terms of the number of patients on a list.
- The Committee acknowledged that TNE is suitable for delivery in a community setting and the service is exploring options to move TNE into outpatient facilities at Stobhill ACH, Victoria ACH and Inverclyde Royal Hospital.
- The Committee were assured that NHSGGC has clear staff training plans in place to increase the number of staff trained to deliver TNE.
- The Committee were content with the report.

3.7 Extract from the Corporate Risk Register

- Paper provided for approval
- The Committee noted that there were 3 risks with no changes to the score.
- The Committee were content to approve the CRR.

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 Acute Services Committee will take place on Tuesday, 16 January 2024.