

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 25/21
Paper Title	Standing Committee Chair's Board Report
Meeting:	NHSGGC Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	25 February 2025
Purpose of Paper:	For Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Name of Reporting Committee	Population Health and Wellbeing Committee
Date of Reporting Committee	21 January 2025
Committee Chairperson	Charles Vincent

1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to: inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at the NHSGGC Population Health and Wellbeing Committee.

2. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Population Health and Wellbeing Committee on 21 January 2025 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

3.1 Epidemiology and Vaccination Winter Update

- The Committee received a presentation on Epidemiology and Winter Vaccination for assurance.
- The Committee were advised that there had been a significant flu season but the trend was now downwards. RSV had also been relatively significant but was now low. Norovirus was also on a downwards trajectory and had been relatively typical for a winter season. The pertussis that had been prevalent in 2024 was now returning to manageable levels.

- A full report on the vaccination programme would be presented to the next meeting but initial data indicated that the number of highest risk care home patients and over 75s vaccinated were around the national average.
- The Committee were assured by the update.

3.2 Child Oral Health Indicators and Publication of National Dental Inspection Programme Report for 2023/24

- This paper was presented to the Committee for assurance.
- The Committee were advised of the key themes from the report which included some improvement to dental registrations for young children, although these had not returned to pre-pandemic levels; continued efforts to provide alternatives to General Anaesthetic for dental treatment; and a slight improvement in Childsmile uptake. Findings from the National Dental Inspection Programme report suggested that there had also been some oral health improvements in children in more deprived areas.
- The Committee were assured by the report.

3.3 Five Year Mental Health Strategy Prevention Progress Report

- This paper was presented to the Committee for assurance.
- The Committee were advised that there had been a significant deterioration in mental health and wellbeing and four priority areas had been identified to focus on improving population mental health – promoting social connection; improving wellbeing and self-care; tackling distress; and tackling inequalities and discrimination. The Committee were advised of the actions and governance proposed to make improvements in each of these areas.
- The Committee were assured by the report.

3.4 Local Child Poverty Action Report

- This paper report for West Dunbartonshire HSCP was presented to the Committee for approval
- The Committee were advised that these reports were produced annually for each HSCP area and set out the actions undertaken by the NHS Board and Local Authority partners to mitigate child poverty. Success was reported across the HSCP including establishing Fair Working Practices; generating additional benefits for residents; and assisting families to reduce their cost of living while participating in free leisure and community based activities. The report also set out the priorities for 2024/25.
- The Committee were content to approve the report.

3.5 Child Health Update

- This paper was presented to the Committee for assurance.
- The Committee were advised of the comprehensive child and maternal health programmes and interventions across NHSGGC. These programmes offered preventative action and interventions to support outcomes for children and reduce inequalities, noting that the first 1,000 days are a critical period of child development.
- The Committee were assured by the report.

3.6 Assurance Information Quarterly Report

- This paper was presented to the Committee for assurance.
- The Committee received an update on quarterly progress against the key priorities as outlined in the Public Health Assurance Information Framework and included a detailed synopsis of NHSGGC's progress against each of the priorities and identified mitigating actions where required.
- The Committee were assured by the report.

3.7 Extract from Corporate Risk Register

- This paper was presented to the Committee for approval.
- The Committee were advised the risks continued to be updated monthly with the risk owners. There were two risks aligned to the Committee and no changes had been proposed to these.
- The Committee were content to approve the Corporate Risk Register.

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 Population Health and Wellbeing Committee will take place on Tuesday 15 April 2025.