

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 26/119
Paper Title:	Standing Committee Chair's Board Report
Meeting:	NHSGGC Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	27 August 2026
Purpose of Paper:	Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Name of Reporting Committee:	Area Clinical Forum
Date of Reporting Committee:	13 August 2026
Committee Chairperson:	Dr Morven McElroy

1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to: inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at the 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 13 August 2026 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

3.1 Executive Update of Ongoing Board Business

The Forum received an update from Professor Angela Wallace, Nurse Director, and Dr Scott Davidson, Medical Director, on ongoing Board Business. It was noted that a job evaluation had been completed for the post of Healthcare Scientists Lead and that the post would be advertised in due course. Sub national planning work, delayed discharges performance and reductions in 12 hour wait times within Emergency Departments was also discussed.

3.2 Sub National Planning Update

- The Forum received a Sub National Planning Update from Claire Macarthur, Director of Planning, for assurance.
- Extensive collaborative work had taken place between Scotland East and Scotland West sub-national groups.
- It was noted that a draft plan had been developed in relation to enhancing patient flow.
- Work had taken place regarding improving access to urgent care for patients and reducing orthopaedic waiting times for patients.
- The Forum was assured by the update

3.3 Public Protection Update

- The Forum received a Public Protection Update from Dr Kerry Milligan, Public Protection Lead, for assurance.
- NHSGGC's third Public Protection Annual Report 2025-2026 was presented to the Forum, following the approval of the Public Protection Strategy "Safeguarding - It Matters to Us" 2023-2026 by the Board in October 2025.
- It was noted that the Public Protection Strategy outcomes had been designed to deliver on the Board's organisational priorities 2025/2026.
- An overview of Public Protection Significant Adverse Events and Learning Reviews, Public Protection governance arrangements and Public Protection service activity was provided.
- The Forum was assured by the update.

3.4 Protected Learning Time Update

- The Forum received a Protected Learning Time update from Stephanie Dunn, Senior Learning and Education Advisor.
- Ms Dunn provided an overview of work which had taken place from 2024 to 2026 in relation to Protected Learning Time for Agenda for Change staff.
- It was noted that a national suite of 9 Once For Scotland (OFS) statutory and mandatory modules had been selected for implementation across NHS Scotland.
- The 9 Modules aligned with 2016 learning outcomes agreed by NHS Education for Scotland (NES), Scottish Executive Nurse Directors (SEND), Scottish Association of Medical Directors (SAMD), HR Directors, and the Scottish Workforce Advisory Group (SWAG).
- NES Technology Services undertook the preparation of the national suite of modules and provided launch support
- The Forum was assured by the update.

3.5 National Area Clinical Forum Chair's Group Update

- The Forum received a verbal update from Dr Morven McElroy.
- Dr McElroy advised members that the meeting of the National Area Clinical Forum Chair's Group which had been scheduled to take place recently had been cancelled.
- The Forum was content to note the update.

3.6 Brief Update From Each Advisory Committee on Salient Business Points and Minutes to Note

The Forum received verbal updates from Chairs of Advisory Committees.

3.7 Closing Remarks and Key Messages for the Board

- It was noted that the NHSGGC Ministerial Annual Review would be held on 5 October 2026.
- The Chair thanked members for their attendance and for the presentations and updates provided.

4. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Area Clinical Forum will take place on 8 October 2026.