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Title:	Board Activity Update
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1. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on the activities of the Board since the last Board meeting in February. Work has been undertaken to review the visibility of the activities of the Board, its members and the work of the Standing Committees. This paper has been developed to enable sharing these activities both internally within the Board and externally with our stakeholders.

2. Executive Summary

The paper summarises the following areas of activity:

- Board Development
- Board Seminars
- Board Standing Committees and Other meetings.
- Board Committee Visits

3. Recommendations

The Board is asked to note this update, increasing awareness of the breadth of activity underway.

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 impact
- **Better Care** Positive impact
- **Better Value** Positive impact
- **Better Workplace** Positive impact
- **Equality & Diversity** Positive impact
- **Environment** Positive impact

6. Engagement & Communications

The content of this paper was considered by the Chair and the Director of Corporate Services and Governance.

7. Governance Route

N.A

8. Date Prepared & Issued

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Board Activity Update April 2025

1. Board Seminar/Briefings

In recognition of the First Ministers Statement , in January 2025, and work towards transformation and reform of NHS Scotland, the Board were invited to a briefing on **13th March 2025** where they received information on NHSGGC's reform priorities which include Improving Access, Harnessing Digital and Innovation and Shifting the Balance of Care.

The Board Seminar held on **25th March 2025** focussed on Realistic Medicine and the Board received a presentation from Professor Sir Gregor Smith, Chief Medical Officer, along with Dr Jude Marshall and Dr Malcolm Watson, Clinical Leads for Realistic Medicine within NHSGGC.



The objective of the session was to set out the progress of and vision for Realistic Medicine and Value Based Health and Care, nationally and locally within NHSGGC. The four key population challenges were considered:

- Ongoing threats posed by the spread of infectious disease
- Improving healthy life expectancy and tackling health inequalities
- Sustainable health and care services
- Sustainable use of resources and impact on climate and biodiversity

Board Members had the opportunity to explore the 6 principles that enable Careful and Kind Care.

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The Board recognised that this was an ongoing programme of work which required engagement of both staff and the public. Dr Scott Davidson, Medical Director, closed the session by reinforcing the importance of Realistic Medicine, particularly in light of the Reform agenda.

On **10th April 2025** the Board were invited to a briefing session following the NHSGGC Emergency Department (ED) HIS Review which concluded in March 2025, as well as an update on the Fairer NHSGGC 2025-29 framework.

In terms of the NHSGGC Emergency Department (ED) HIS Review, Board Members received assurance of the steps being taken forward by the executive team in engaging with colleagues within our Emergency Departments through a series of site visits and a programme of ongoing engagement work. The Board reflected on the feedback from colleagues and are committed to engaging and improving culture. The Chair confirmed that the April Board will be asked to approve the implementation of a People Committee that will have governance oversight of organisational culture, equality, diversity and inclusion.

In respect of a Fairer NHSGGC, Board Members also received a presentation from Dr Bea von Wissman, Public Health Consultant, and Mr Al Low, Planning and Development Manager for the Equalities Team, regarding a Fairer NHSGGC 2025-29. The Board noted the legislative requirements of the organisation to mainstream activity and embed our policies and procedures to reflect requirements with regards to protected characteristics. The Board discussed the intersectionality of protected characteristics, and the wider engagement and collaboration with Primary Care and Third Sector Organisations who can support us in understanding lived experiences and wider identity of our patients.

2. Board Standing Committees and other meetings.

Since the last Board meeting in February, the following Standing Committees of the Board have met:

- Clinical and Care Governance Committee – 4th March 2025
- Acute Services Committee – 11th March 2025
- Audit and Risk Committee – 18th March 2025

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- Finance Planning and Performance Committee – 8th April 2025
- Area Clinical Forum – 10th April 2025
- Population Health and Wellbeing Committee – 15th April 2025

Reports from the Committee Chairs are presented at every Board meeting.

3. Board Member Visits

We continue to strive towards higher visibility and engagement with frontline staff by our Board Members. Staff have been advised of our April Board being hosted within the Royal Alexandra Hospital campus with a view to further Board's being held across the sectors for wider visibility.

An update from the Stakeholder Engagement Short Life Working Group regarding wider Board visibility will be brought back to the June Board for consideration.

4. Recommendations

The Board is asked to note this update on the range of activity underway.