

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 26/50
Paper Title:	Standing Committee Chair's Board Report
Meeting:	NHSGGC Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	30 April 2026
Purpose of Paper:	Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Name of Reporting Committee:	Area Clinical Forum
Date of Reporting Committee:	16 April 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 16 April 2026 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

3.1 Executive Update of Ongoing Business

The Forum received an update from Professor Angela Wallace, Nurse Director, on ongoing Board Business. Ms Wallace noted that the recently established Public Confidence Safety Oversight Group, jointly Chaired by Sir Lewis Ritchie and Chief Executive, Professor Jann Gardner, had met on two occasions, whilst work was taking place across the Board to address any concerns which had arisen as a result of the recent media coverage of NHSGGC; noting, too, the impact which this had on both patients and staff alike. Ms Wallace highlighted the imminent departures of Deputy Chief Executive, William Edwards, and Denise Brown, Director of Digital Services, and wished them well for the future.

3.2 Reduced Working Week Update

- The Forum received an update on the Reduced Working Week (RWW) for awareness.
- Ms Nicola Bailey, Deputy Director of HR (Interim), provided an update on the work which had taken place to implement all aspects of the Reduced Working Week across NHSGGC.
- The Forum was informed that robust governance procedures had been adhered to throughout the process of implementing the RWW, with a dedicated governance structure established from April 2024, comprising of an Agenda For Change Programme Board and a RWW Implementation Group, with a Dispute Resolution Process also established.
- Ms Bailey noted that the biggest challenge to the implementation of the RWW was the loss of 936 whole time equivalent staff, equating to a reduction of around 4% across NHSGGC.
- The Forum was content to note the update.

3.3 National Area Clinical Forum Chair's Group Update

- The Forum received a verbal update from Dr Morven McElroy regarding the most recent meeting of the National Area Clinical Forum Chair's Group.
- Dr McElroy advised members that attendees from across each of the NHS Scotland Boards were in attendance at the meeting, with commonalities identified in the reporting of issues across each of the Boards.
- The main topics raised by attendees at the National Area Clinical Forum Chair's Group related to issues around the implementation of Committee and Sub Committee Terms of Reference and attendance. Sub national planning and recruitment were also discussed.
- The Forum was content to note the update.

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

The Forum received verbal updates from Chairs of Advisory Committees.

3.5 Committee Governance

- Ms Jillian Neilson, Corporate Services Manager – Board Secretary, presented the Area Clinical Forum Terms of Reference, Annual Report and Annual Cycle of Business to members for approval.
- The Forum was content to approve the papers presented by Ms Neilson, subject to minor amendments, which would be actioned by the Secretariat Officer.

3.6 Closing Remarks and Key Messages for the Board

- The Area Pharmaceutical Committee (APC) proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) was presented to the Forum for approval during discussion of this item.

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- It was agreed by members that the APC proposed ToR would be re-circulated to members for their consideration and that if no comments or concerns were raised in relation to it by Thursday 30 April 2026, that this would be interpreted as approval of the ToR, therefore enabling it to be made official from that date onwards.
- The Chair thanked members for their attendance and for the presentations and updates provided.
- There were no issues for referral to other Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board.

4. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Area Clinical Forum Committee will take place on 10 June 2026.