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Minutes 01-10

NHS GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Area Clinical Forum
Held on Thursday 9th February 2023 at 2pm
Via Microsoft Teams and the Boardroom**

PRESENT

Dr Lesley Rousselet (in the Chair)

Dr Anita Belbin	Dr Alastair Taylor
Dr Ruth Hamilton	Ms Sarah Thomson
Dr Judith Marshall	Ms Julie Tomlinson
Mr Ali Raza	Dr Malcolm Watson

IN ATTENDANCE

Dr Jennifer Armstrong	Medical Director
Kim Donald	Board Secretary
Dr Lucy Gamble	Consultant Clinical Psychologist
Ms Helen Little	Physiotherapy Manager Partnerships
Pamela Metcalfe	Secretariat (Minute)
Ms Kate Rocks	Chief Officer, Inverclyde HSCP
Ms Fiona Smith	Director of Allied Health Professions
Professor Angela Wallace	Executive Director of Nursing

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01.	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES		
	<p>The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting of the Area Clinical Forum, chaired remotely via MS Teams.</p> <p>Apologies were intimated on behalf of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Simon Kidd ○ Jane Grant ○ Tony Donegan ○ Gail Caldwell <p>NOTED</p>		
02.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
	<p>The Chair invited members to declare any interests in any of the items being discussed. There were no declarations made.</p>		

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03.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 9 JUNE 2022		
	<p>The Forum considered the minute of the Area Clinical Forum meeting of 8 December 2022 [ACF (M) 22/05].</p> <p>The Forum was content to approve the minutes as an accurate record.</p> <p><u>APPROVED</u></p>		
04.	MATTERS ARISING		
a)	<u>ROLLING ACTION LIST</u>		
	<p>The Forum considered the Rolling Action List (RAL) and the following updates were provided:</p> <p><u>Minute 53a - Update on the Healthcare Science position</u> Professor Wallace highlighted that the Healthcare Scientist training position remained a challenge, however, confirmed she was in dialogue with the Scottish Government and Nursing Directors across NHS Scotland.</p> <p>A further update would be provided in the April meeting.</p> <p><u>APPROVED</u></p>		Prof Wallace
05.	WINTER PRESSURES UPDATE		
	<p>The Chair invited Dr Angela Wallace, Executive Director of Nursing, to provide a verbal update on the current position of Winter Pressures.</p> <p>Professor Wallace noted the last few months had been a challenge and the system remained under pressure, however, the winter plan remained active and was under review at SEG at least once a week. Prof Wallace noted that an additional 220 beds had been opened, and there was an increased focus on delayed discharges. With regards to occupancy targets, Prof Wallace noted that the numbers had improved, however, remained below target at 60%.</p>		

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	<p>Prof Wallace highlighted that the Health Board was also under 'scrutiny light', however, there was an unannounced visit to Leverndale by the MWC.</p> <p>The Forum reflected that the winter pressures had a positive impact on partnership working across Acute and the HSCPs.</p> <p>Professor Wallace confirmed staff sickness absence reduced slightly from COVID numbers but advised this would be monitored moving forward.</p> <p>The Forum was content to note the update.</p> <p><u>NOTED</u></p>		
06.	ONGOING BOARD BUSINESS UPDATE		
	<p>The Chair invited Dr Angela Wallace, Executive Director of Nursing, to provide a verbal update on On-going Board Business.</p> <p>Professor Wallace noted a Healthcare Environment Inspectorate (HEI) visit took place at the Gartnavel Mental Health Ward as well as an unannounced visit from the Mental Welfare Commission to Leverndale Hospital.</p> <p>Prof Wallace advised the Scottish Government recently provided guidance to create additional capacity in Adult Social Care settings and a plan would be created on how the additional funding would be used.</p> <p>Prof Wallace also reflected that the Day of Care Audit was underway which was challenging; however, there had been a notable increase in performance within the Emergency Department.</p> <p>The Forum was content to note the update.</p> <p><u>NOTED</u></p>		
07.	REALISTIC MEDICINE UPDATE		
	<p>The Forum noted the paper [Realistic Medicine Update] provided for Assurance by Dr Jennifer Armstrong.</p> <p>Dr Judith Marshall and Dr Malcolm Watson, Realistic Medicine Leads, were invited to share a presentation on Realistic Medicine.</p>		

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	<p>Dr Marshall noted The Vision of Realistic Medicine by 2025 which highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patients being included at the center of decisions about care ○ Shared Decision Making ○ Effective use of BRAN Questions (Benefits, Risks, Alternatives, Nothing) ○ CollabrRATE tool Investigation ○ Value based health and care. <p>In response to the question regarding introducing the Realistic Medicine Update into clinical guidelines and pathways, Dr Marshall noted that with the Realistic Medicine champions they were hopeful for support in all areas but recognised challenges with regards to impact on appointment time and resourcing.</p> <p>Dr Marshall confirmed that the app is currently available on the NHSGGC website, however, would be made live on the Scottish Government site with links to NHSGGC resources available.</p> <p>The Forum was content to note the update.</p> <p><u>NOTED</u></p>		
08.	BRIEF UPDATE FROM EACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SALIENT BUSINESS POINTS AND MINUTES TO NOTE		
	<p>The Chair asked each Advisory Committee Chair to provide a brief update.</p> <p><u>Area Medical Committee</u></p> <p>Dr Taylor highlighted the strain GP's were under with increasing workload, in particular the pressures from Group A Strep, Flu and COVID over the Christmas period. Dr Taylor also noted his concerns around the waiting times for Colposcopy, which was nearing a year, this has been raised and action was being taken to reduce this.</p> <p>In response to a query regarding Trainee representation for the committee, Dr Taylor confirmed someone had been identified and would join in the near future.</p> <p><u>Area AHP & Healthcare Scientists Committee</u></p> <p>Dr Hamilton referred to the previous discussion regarding 4 Trainee Healthcare Scientists posts and queried what actions had</p>		

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	<p>been taken to highlight the current challenges. Professor Wallace noted she had discussed this in detail with NES colleagues, and the Nurse Directors, to ensure it had been highlighted across all Health Boards.</p> <p>Dr Hamilton confirmed interview dates had been confirmed for the new Healthcare Science Leads.</p> <p>Dr Hamilton also noted challenges with recruiting bank staff to support when needed.</p> <p><u>Area Optometric Committee</u></p> <p>Dr Rousselet noted the focus on the Primary Care Strategy.</p> <p>Dr Rousselet highlighted NHSGGC were the first in Scotland to roll out the Community Glaucoma Service.</p> <p>In response to the question regarding dropping patients from a service where they have failed to respond to engagement, Dr Rousselet noted that this concern had been raised with the Scottish Government and were looking for amendments to be put in place.</p> <p><u>Area Dental Committee</u></p> <p>Dr Belbin noted concerns with waiting times for paediatric surgeries, currently sitting at 23 weeks, with the main challenge being theatre slots.</p> <p>In regards to Child Smile, Dr Belbin highlighted there had been challenges getting back into schools after COVID, Head Teachers felt they needed to priorities other concerns.</p> <p>Dr Belbin confirmed the Domiciliary Dental Course had begun again with a new cohort of trainee’s currently being mentored within the Public Dental Service.</p> <p><u>Area Nursing and Midwifery Committee</u></p> <p>Ms Tomlinson noted the committee had received a presentation update on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Nursing presented by Lauren MacFarlane, Professional Nurse Lead. This highlighted the redesign that has took place due to the increase for CAMHS.</p> <p>Ms Tomlinson confirmed there had been another meeting on the 3rd of February where further discussions took place regarding the expanded membership within the Midwifery committee and noted</p>	

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	<p>they had signed off approval for an expanded membership which included the undergraduate colleagues.</p> <p>Ms Tomlinson highlighted she would be stepping down as Vice Chair as her 4 years tenure had ended. She confirmed someone would hopefully be elected and taking over from May.</p> <p>Dr Taylor discussed waiting time concerns with the CAMHS service and what these were between referral and actually receiving treatment. The Chair noted this had been raised previously at the Board Meeting and offered an update on CAMHS management in an upcoming meeting.</p> <p><u>Area Psychology Committee</u></p> <p>Dr Gamble noted challenges with recruitment and retention of staff. This had resulted in challenges when accessing people to ensure appropriate treatments provided. Dr Gamble confirmed training places have been increased however this will take time to bring them into the service.</p> <p><u>Area Pharmaceutical Committee</u></p> <p>No Update Provided.</p> <p>The Forum was content to note the update.</p> <p><u>ASSURANCE</u></p>		Ms Sinclair
09.	CLOSING REMARKS AND KEY MESSAGES FOR THE BOARD		
	The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the presentation provided.		
10.	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING		
	The next meeting would be held on 13 th April 2023 at 2pm, via MS Teams and the Boardroom.		