

Area Clinical Forum Report to Grampian NHS Board Meeting on the 15 January 2020

Purpose of Report

This report updates the Grampian NHS Board on key issues arising from the Area Clinical Forum meeting on the 13th of November 2019.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the following key points:

Occupational Health Services (OHS)

The ACF welcomed Dr Katherine Targett (Clinical Lead for OHS) to the meeting. She gave a very informative overview of the screening process for new and existing staff and how this links into the recruitment process. In addition the ACF were encouraged to hear that new processes which have been put into place over the last year have significantly reduced the workload and as a result reduced the time which new staff wait to be screened therefore improving the efficiency of the recruitment process. The ACF agreed to ensure that their advisory committees were also made aware of this.

Digital Health and Care Strategy

The ACF welcomed Dr Steve Baguley (Clinical Director for eHealth) to the meeting. It was very useful to have access to the document and explanation from Steve whilst the strategy is still forming. The ACF agreed to review at their advisory committees and to provide advice on specific areas of the Digital Health and Care strategy reflecting on how this links to the Clinical Strategy. This will be done in advance of the proposed Board review in April 2020.

System Leadership Team (SLT) commissioning the ACF

Adam Coldwells (Interim Director of Strategy/Deputy Chief Executive) explained that he had been discussing two pieces of commissioned work with the ACF chair and these were both now coming to the ACF for discussion. The focus of these pieces of work are supplementary staffing and the other on whole system pathway development. The ACF are keen to work on both of these and are currently detailing how they will take these forward.

SLT engagement

The ACF and SLT had their second joint meeting on 2 December 2019, the focus of the meeting was organisational culture and financial position. These meetings are now set to occur every 3 months.

Board Programme

The board programme is a standing item on the ACF agenda to allow the forum to fulfil the role of providing clinical and professional advice to the SLT and Board on relevant topics. It is challenging to arrange appropriate consultations with the ACF in line with the Board programme however the Digital Health and Care Strategy review is a key example of this working well.

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Area Clinical Forum Chair
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