

Purpose of Report

This report updates the Grampian NHS Board on key issues arising from the Area Clinical Forum (ACF) meeting on the 15th of May 2019.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the following key points:

1. **Facilities and Estates Strategic Delivery Plan:** The ACF welcomed Paul Allen (Director of Facilities and Estates) and Gavin Payne (General Manager, Facilities and Estates) to the meeting to provide an overview of the new plan. The ACF were very positive about this plan and to be given the opportunity to review.
2. **Workforce:** The ACF welcomed Susan Coull (Interim Operational Director of Workforce) back to discuss the workforce strategy and how to engage with the wider advisory committee membership. The discussion focussed around how we can improve the process of recruitment and retention and how we source and attract potential new staff into the NHSG team. The chairs will discuss with the advisory committees and feedback to Susan.
3. **Board Programme:** Graeme Smith (Deputy Chief Executive) circulated the updated board programme for the coming year for discussion. It was noted that the programme was diverse and contains a large number of issues and items for consideration. The ACF are keen to engage in the process of review and in providing opinion on key items contained in the programme. It was felt that it would be useful to have guidance in the form of key questions/ points around which the ACF and associated advisory committees could focus discussion. This would help shape the items prior to formal consideration by the Board. The ACF would also welcome a challenge in the future to help form the Board programme with items/ issues for discussion and potential strategies and developments.
4. **Engagement with the System Leadership Team (SLT):** The ACF are in the process of arranging dates to meet with the SLT on a regular basis to improve engagement and communication between the SLT and the clinical advisory committees. It is felt that this would be a positive move and the ACF and SLT are keen for this to happen.

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