

## Performance Governance Committee Assurance Report to Grampian NHS Board

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### Purpose of Report

This report summarises the key matters considered by the Committee under the new governance arrangements approved by the Board.

In line with the new arrangements, the business of the Committee has been focused on the key matters in relation to performance governance relevant to the Board's response during the period of the COVID-19 mobilisation plan.

This report covers the Committee meeting held on 23 April 2020.

### Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the following key points and assurances from the Committee:

#### Response to Scottish Government – Mobilisation Plans

The Committee noted the Board response in relation to guidance and direction from the Scottish Government in relation to planning for COVID-19:

- The development of the NHS Grampian mobilisation plan to respond to the anticipated demands of COVID-19 (with the latest version of the NHS Grampian mobilisation plan submitted on 27 March 2020);
- The response to the directions to be following for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities and to support staff health and wellbeing; and
- The draft Annual Operational Plan received in March 2020 being taken by Scottish Government to be a 'baseline', which will be held on file and form the basis of the Board's Recovery Plan.

The Committee were re-assured as to the NHS Grampian response to the Scottish Government in relation to the mobilisation plans and noted that the three Health and Social Care Partnerships also submitted mobilisation plans to the Scottish Government on 3 April; which were subsequently approved by the Cabinet Secretary.

#### Position regarding non COVID-19 activity

The Committee received a report setting out the position in relation to elective care, cancer, emergency department (4 hour standard) and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Psychological Therapy services.

Following discussion the Committee noted:

- The position regarding the increase in numbers of patients waiting for a first outpatient appointment and to receive treatment. This was following the step down in elective inpatients, day cases and outpatients to establish the required additional Intensive Care Unit and bed capacity to respond to COVID-19;

- The actions that have been taken to maintain access to cancer services; and
- The position regarding the triaging and provision of access to CAMHS and Psychological Services.

The Committee asked that a further update be provided to the NHS Grampian Board in relation to cancer provision and public protection as part of the COVID-19 mobilisation plan item on 7 May 2020.

### **Financial resources committed during COVID-19**

The Committee noted that the senior finance team were progressing with the closing of the year end position (2019/20) and that a three month extension had been granted by Scottish Government for the approval of the financial statements. It is anticipated that approval of the 2019/20 financial statements will be rescheduled for the September 2020 Board meeting.

The Committee received a report on the estimated financial costs attributable to the COVID-19 plan and were re-assured as to the level of detail being recorded and the reported to the Scottish Government on a weekly basis. Whilst the costs would not be known for a few months, it was noted that the Board finance team was working closely with colleagues in Scottish Government to plan for the additional expenditure and that an additional £600m was available on a Scotland-wide basis to assist fund these costs during 2020/21.

### **Engagement and Participation Committee**

Under the revised governance arrangements the Chair of the Committee and Lead Officer attended the meeting and provided an update on the significant response from partners and the public to assist the NHS and communities during this time. The Committee thanked all who had been involved in supporting the response and to the public and our partners for the generous offers of assistance that have been received across Grampian.

### **Spiritual Care Committee**

Under the revised governance arrangements, the Chair of the Committee and Lead Officer attended the meeting and provided on update on the work that was being undertaken to support staff, patients, families and carers during a period where access to visiting required to be limited. The Committee thanked the Lead Officer for all the work that had been undertaken with due sensitivity to the difficult circumstances for staff, patients, families and carers.

### **Matters referred to other Board Committees**

There were no matters referred to any other Board Committee.

**Rhona Atkinson**  
**Chair, Performance Governance Committee**

Attachment: Agenda of Performance Governance Committee meeting of 23 April 2020

**NHS Grampian  
Performance Governance Committee  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 - 10.00 to 11.00  
(Microsoft Teams Meeting)**

**Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020
3. Items for Discussion:
  1. Response to Scottish Government – Mobilisation Plans\*
  2. GOLD Command – objectives, outcomes and actions- To Follow
  3. Performance Summary (COVID and non COVID)\*
  4. Financial Resources \*
  5. Engagement and Participation – key issues#
  6. Spiritual Care – key issues#
4. Matters to Highlight to the Board

\* Paper attached

# Verbal

**Chair: Rhona Atkinson**

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