

## **Clinical 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 revised governance arrangements approved by the Board. In line with these arrangements, the business of the Committee has been focused on the key matters in relation to clinical governance relevant to the Board's response during the period of the COVID-19 mobilisation plan.

This report covers the Committee meeting held on Thursday 21 May 2020.

### **Recommendation**

The Board is asked to note the following key points and assurances from the Committee on the changes that have been made to clinical governance processes whilst ensuring continuation of adverse events, complaints management and clinical risk identification and mitigation.

### **Healthcare Associated Infection**

The Committee were provided a reporting framework with an update on Infection Prevention Control Team (IPCT) activity during COVID-19 pandemic. Temporary resource has been obtained to increase the IPCT to support the pandemic work. The build environment work activity was paused due to the ongoing pandemic and being highlighted at the NHS Grampian Clinical Risk Meeting. Surveillance work has also paused and was being monitored, at a lower level of detail as advised by the Scottish Government guidance.

### **Critical & Protected Clinical Activity and Planning**

A report on cancer services, to provide assurance on quality and safety continued to be of the highest priority during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was noted cancer services was discussed weekly and monthly reporting through local governance systems and weekly updates were presented to the NHS Grampian Clinical Board (chaired by the Medical Director).

The detail presented included the Cancer Backlog Weekly Report, Analysis of the impact on time delays can have on cancer type, Impact of COVID-19 on Cancer Patient Safety and Clearing the Backlog of Time Critical Services and plan. The next stage will be authorisation of a plan, to increase activity to address time critical services to clear the surgical cancer backlog by the end of June 2020.

### **Enhanced Professional Clinical and Care Oversight of Care Homes**

Following a request from the First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport on the 20 April 2020, Directors of Public Health were to take immediate action to deliver enhanced system of assurance around the safety and wellbeing of care home residents and staff during COVID 19. On the 17 May 2020 the Cabinet Secretary expanded the professional oversight to include Executive Nurse Director, Medical Director and Chief Social Work Officer to broaden the assurance remit to include delivery of safe and effective care.

The Committee were presented on the arrangements that NHS Grampian, the three Health and Social Care Partnerships and the Care Inspectorate have put in place to enhance the safety and wellbeing of residents and staff in Grampian Care Homes during COVID-19. A checklist was created and utilised by members of the Health Protection Team to call all care homes. Meetings between the Health and Social Care Partnership Staff, Public Health and the Care Inspectorate were established, in each area to discuss feedback on all care homes.

These discussions led to a Red Amber Green (RAG) status (Red: deep concerns with the home's ability to cope, Amber: there are concerns but these can be managed and Green equates to no concerns), being given to each home. At weekly meetings the Chief Officers, Director of Public Health and the Nurse Director for Health and Social Care Partnerships review the Grampian-wide performance RAG report prior to submitting to the Scottish Government.

### **Clinical Governance Reporting**

- The Committee received a report utilising the Performance, Assurance, Improvement and Risk (PAIR) methodology to support discussion and the identification of any relevant actions required.
- The Committee acknowledged the work by the Clinical Risk Meeting (CRM) and the Clinical Quality & Safety subgroup to maintain continuation of adverse events, complaints management and clinical risk identification and mitigation.
- The CRM continues to meet weekly. A high level report is sent to Silver Command and the Chair of the Clinical Governance Committee following the meeting. This is included in the brief for the System Leadership Team (SLT).
- The Committee supported the approach for reporting specific clinical metrics in more detail at each Committee meeting. At the 21 May 2020 the detail for in-patient falls was included providing falls data, information on improvement work and the planned falls improvement collaborative. The falls improvement collaborative was postponed due to COVID-19. The Quality Improvement and Assurance Team were exploring how this could be delivered by alternative methods, with a view to begin in September 2020.
- The Clinical Governance Committee will continue to report monthly to the Board with the next report on the 18.06.2020.

**Joyce Duncan,**  
**Chair, Clinical Governance Committee**

Attachment: NHS Grampian Clinical Governance Committee Agenda - 21 May 2020

**A Virtual (by Microsoft Teams) meeting of the NHS Grampian Clinical Governance Committee will be held on Thursday 21 May 2020 at 10.00am**

**FINAL VERSION - AGENDA**

**The Clinical Governance Committee is the assurance source for the following strategic risk: ID 2507:** Quality and Safety of Care: There is a risk that the focus on quality and safety of care across NHS Grampian and partner organisations could be compromised due to culture, service and financial pressures and/or a failure to monitor and implement improvements based on new evidence based guidance, evidence from quality audits, independent assessment, patient experience and recorded incidents – high risk.

<b>Approx. Timing</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Ref</b>
1000	1 Welcome and apologies	JD	#
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minute of meeting held on 16 April 2020</li> <li>• Copy of the Clinical Governance Committee Assurance Report to Grampian NHS Board</li> </ul>	JD/ALL JD	* *
1005	2 Critical & Protected Clinical Activity and Planning	NF/PB	*
1025	3 Healthcare Associated Infection	GJ /NE	*
1040	4 Summary of COVID-19 Research	JC	*
1050	5 COVID-19 Enhanced Professional Clinical and Care Oversight of Care Homes	SW	*
1100	6 Systems, Quality, Safety and Risk:		
	6.1 Clinical Governance Reporting:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical Quality &amp; Safety Subgroup Quarterly Report including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality and Safety of Care risk profile</li> <li>• Clinical Risk Meeting quarterly update</li> <li>• Clinical Directorate Control Room Update</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jl	*
	6.2 Assurance on strategic risk ID 2507	JD/ALL	#
1120	7 AOCB	JD/ALL	#
1130	8 Date and Time of Next Meeting		
	The next meeting is on the <b>18 June 2020</b> from 10.00-11.30am in the Conference Room, Summerfield House.	JD	#

*It is intended to digitally record this meeting. These recordings will be used to assist with the preparation of minutes and to ensure that decisions are accurately recorded. As soon as the minutes are approved at the next meeting the relevant MP3 file will be deleted.*

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\* Attached  
# Verbal Report  
~ To follow