

Performance Governance Committee Assurance Report to Grampian NHS Board

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 the revised 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 28 May 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 that the System Leadership Team had developed and submitted a re-mobilisation plan to Scottish Government on 25 May setting out plans for the next phase of response in line with the key requirements specified by the Interim NHS Scotland Chief Executive.

The Committee considered the performance report which set out an update on the position regarding elective care and cancer, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), unscheduled care and the current COVID-19 situation. In considering the report the Committee noted

- The position regarding the increasing number of patients waiting beyond 12 weeks for treatment or a first outpatient appointment.
- That the re-mobilisation plan sets out how the ESCatS 1 and cancer patients would be prioritised for treatment, how the amended pathways to provide care safely will be developed and how the additional capacity will be made available.
- The significant progress that has been made to improve access to the CAMHS service and that the number of referrals into the service had increased in recent weeks. The changes in terms of service redesign pre-COVID-19 were key to supporting the continuation of service provision to children during the COVID-19 response period.
- The COVID-19 situation report indicated an improving position in terms of the reducing number of patients in hospital with COVID-19 and the slower rate of increase of COVID-19 cases in Grampian.

The Committee were re-assured as to the NHS Grampian response to the Scottish Government in relation to the re-mobilisation plan and noted the challenges regarding increasing capacity across health and social care whilst living with COVID-19. The Board will be given an update on the re-mobilisation plan at the June Board meeting.

Finance year – year ended 31 March 2020

The Committee noted the finance report and that the Board had achieved its three financial targets (subject to audit). The Committee also acknowledged the contribution of all staff and the finance team in delivering this outcome.

In achieving the year end position the Committee noted

- The significant pressure on pay budgets with £33m spent on agency staffing.
- In terms of the operational budgets it was noted that there were year-end overspends in the Acute Sector, Aberdeenshire and Moray.
- Given the impact of COVID-19, budgets for 2020/21 will need to be re-cast during the year to reflect financial impact.

Financial resources committed during COVID-19

The Committee received a presentation 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 actual 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 approximately £700m 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 Engagement and Participation 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 Lead Officer presented the high level findings that have arisen from a series of public focus groups which have been undertaken alongside focus groups with staff. The Committee thanked all who had been involved in supporting the response and the public and our partners for the continued generous offers of assistance that have been received across Grampian.

Spiritual Care Committee

Under the revised governance arrangements the Chair of the Spiritual Care Committee and Lead Officer attended the meeting and provided an 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 28 May 2020

**NHS Grampian
Performance Governance Committee
Thursday 28th May 2020 - 10.00 to 11.00
(Microsoft Teams Meeting)**

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 23rd April 2020
3. Items for Discussion:
 - 3.1 Performance Summary (COVID and non COVID)
 - 3.2 Finance Report
 - 3.3 Engagement and Participation – key issues#
 - 3.4 Spiritual Care – key issues#
4. Matters to Highlight to the Board

* Paper attached

Verbal

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