

Performance Governance Committee Report to Grampian NHS Board

Purpose of Report

This report updates the Grampian NHS Board on key issues arising from the Committee meeting on 14 May 2019.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the following key points and assurances from the Committee in relation to Board performance.

Financial Position

The Director of Finance provided an update on the financial position for the year ended 31 March 2019. The report confirmed that, subject to audit, the Board had achieved its three financial targets.

Whilst overspends had occurred in operational areas within Acute Woman and Children's Division, Dr Gray's Hospital and Facilities and two of the health and social care partnerships, the Committee were assured as to the actions taken to implement prudent financial management and ensure that the Board continued to operate within its allocation of resource.

The Committee were also re-assured that appropriate financial planning was in place for 2019/20 and that the level of financial savings forecast were within that achieved in prior financial years. The Board had received a recent presentation from the Director and Deputy Director of Finance in relation to the medium term financial framework which is under review by the System Leadership Team. The Committee have requested to be informed of the ongoing development of the medium term financial plan.

Performance Update

The Committee received an update on overall performance with a comprehensive presentation on acute services

Whilst treatment time guarantee breaches for inpatients and outpatients continued to be reported, the Committee were re-assured that actions were being implemented using the additional funding from Scottish Government to reduce the number of patients waiting beyond the national standard timeframes. The progress made since October evidenced this improvement and the Committee were re-assured through the Annual Operational Plan that this progress would continue into 2019/20.

An update on unscheduled care and cancer performance was also provided. The Committee were assured as to the implementation of the plans for winter and acknowledged the effective partnership working that had been deployed across Grampian to manage surges in demand during this period. A comprehensive presentation on delayed discharges was presented by representatives from the health and social care partnerships and members were assured as to the broad range of actions taken to improve outcomes

for patients requiring support to enable their effective discharge from hospital.

In terms of cancer, the Committee noted the challenges in meeting the national standards and requested that the plans for 2019/20 once further developed be presented for further review and consideration.

The Board also considered the new format 'Performance Matters' report which covered a range of key indicators, that had been identified as being important to present to members. These indicators related to a number of cross system areas such as vaccinations, access to drug and alcohol services, smoking cessation and post diagnosis dementia support. The Committee welcomed the change in format and provided feedback to support the development of the new style reporting. The key areas for further development were in relation to having clear actions to address areas where performance could be improved and provision of an overall 'performance' summary.

Media Monitoring and Social Media

PGC received a report covering to period to April 2019 and thanked the Director of Communications and her team for the support provided to the Committee and the clarity of presentation of the areas where there had been media coverage.

Conclusion

The Committee would wish the Board to note that a comprehensive review of performance was undertaken and that members can be re-assured as to the action being taken to address those areas where performance can be improved in line with the Annual Operational Plan and Board priorities. The Committee has requested that the new performance reporting format is further developed in line with the feedback from members and requirement to re-assure the Board regarding performance across the health and social care system.

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