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## **Purpose of Report**

This report updates the Grampian NHS Board on key issues arising from the Committee meeting on 12 March 2019.

## **Recommendation**

The Board is asked to note the following key points:

## **Financial Position**

The Director of Finance provided an update on the financial position for the ten months to January 2019. An underspend of £0.254 million was reported for the month bringing the year to date position in line with the projected position agreed with Scottish Government as part of the Annual Operational Plan. Delivery of the Board's three financial targets continues to be expected by the year-end.

Aberdeenshire and Moray Integration Joint Boards (IJBs) have now formally notified NHS Grampian that they will be in a planned deficit position at the end of March 2019. Provision has been made in NHS Grampian's forecast financial position for the health share of the deficit as required under the Integration Scheme.

The Board is currently finalising its revenue budget for 2019/20. The level of new cash savings to be achieved was expected to be much the same as 2018/19. Savings will be targeted at drug costs, reducing the levels of supplementary staffing and improving general day to day efficiency of services.

## **Performance Update**

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

Treatment time guarantee breaches for inpatients and outpatients continued to be reported but the performance was improving and the position for the end of March agreed with Scottish Government was likely to be delivered. Additional capacity put in place was having an impact, particularly in urology. Patient safety elements continued to be monitored closely.

The cancer position was also improving although the number of patients referred was increasing. It was anticipated that the urology backlog would be cleared by the end of May as a consequence of the additional consultant now appointed. It will however take some time for this to be reflected in the published performance information.

An action plan in response to the National Waiting Times Action Plan was due to be submitted by the end of March. This was currently being worked on. Whilst the funded additionality was welcome, the challenge of delivering a sustainable improvement was acknowledged.

Unscheduled care performance had improved in recent weeks and the Board was no longer required to submit numerous daily reports to Scottish Government. As this improvement was the result of the efforts of all involved staff the committee noted their recognition of this action and success and asked that the same be conveyed to the relevant staff groups.

A separate report on performance against Local Delivery Plan Standards was considered by the Committee. The Committee agreed to consider a number of these in more depth at future meetings. It was noted that the emerging approach to performance, assurance, improvement and risk (PAIR) would give a more rounded view of such measures and focus on outcomes.

### **Media Monitoring and Social Media**

PGC received a report covering January and February 2019. There had been a number of positive stories over this period and PGC acknowledged the good work of the media team at being proactive in generating material. However, there were the usual reactive stories to published data on performance, inspection reports etc. Social media was much more important than published media at spreading information.

### **Assurance Reports**

The PGC received assurance reports from the Staff Governance Committee, the Engagement and Participation Committee and Aberdeen City Community Planning Partnership.

At a future meeting the Performance Governance Committee would consider a review of assurance reporting and whether the reports provided to the Committee fulfil the purpose of providing assurance that risks are being reported and monitored. It was also suggested that Board Committees review their constitutions and consider how risk is used as a means of managing the organisation and whether managing the risks aligned to each committee underpin the agenda setting process. The upcoming Audit Committee Annual Development Session would inevitably begin this process.

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