NHS GRAMPIAN

Minute of Meeting of GRAMPIAN NHS BOARD held in Open Session
at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 27 June 2017
in the Conference Room, Summerfield House, Eday Road, Aberdeen

Present
Professor Stephen Logan          Chairman
Mrs Amy Anderson                Non-Executive Board Member
Mrs Rhona Atkinson             Non-Executive Board Member
Dame Anne Begg                 Non-Executive Board Member
Cllr Frank Brown               Non-Executive Board Member
Cllr Isobel Davidson           Non-Executive Board Member
Mrs Sharon Duncan              Employee Director
Dr Nick Fluck                  Medical Director
Mr Alan Gray                   Director of Finance/Deputy Chief Executive
Professor Mike Greaves         Non-Executive Board Member
Mrs Luan Grugeon               Non-Executive Board Member
Mrs Christine Lester           Non-Executive Board Member/Vice Chair
Dr Lynda Lynch                 Non-Executive Board Member
Dr Helen Moffat                Non-Executive Board Member
Mr Malcolm Wright              Chief Executive

By Invitation
Mrs Laura Gray                  Director of Corporate Communications/Board Secretary
Dr Annie Ingram                Director of Workforce
Dr Garry Kidd                  Assistant Director of Finance
Ms Anne MacDonald              Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland
Mr Gary Mortimer               Director of Acute Services
Ms Gillian Woolman             Assistant Director, Audit Scotland

Attending
Mrs Alison Wood                PA/Minute Taker

Item   Subject

1   Apologies

These were received from Professor Amanda Croft, Cllr Douglas Lumsden,
Mr Jonathan Passmore, Mr Eric Sinclair, Mr Graeme Smith and Mrs Susan Webb.

2   Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest relating to specific agenda items.

3   2016/17 Annual Report and Accounts

Mr Gray advised that the report by Audit Scotland, External Auditors, had been
considered in detail at that morning’s Audit Committee meeting. It was noted that the
Board had achieved its three statutory targets set by the Scottish Government Health
and Social Care Directorate (SGHSCD) and delivered its savings target of £26.5m
during the year.
The financial positions of the three Integration Joint Boards (IJBs) of Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray were confirmed and reflected in the accounts.

Mrs Atkinson, Chair of the Audit Committee, provided a brief summary of what had been discussed at the Committee meeting that morning and confirmed that the Committee was recommending approval by the Board of the annual report and accounts.

Ms Woolman, Audit Scotland, advised that there would be significant challenges in the coming years to achieve financial balance. Recruitment of staff remained an issue with the focus on supply of a future workforce. She confirmed that there had been a good discussion at the Audit Committee and that Audit Scotland would be issuing an unqualified audit opinion on the annual accounts.

The Chairman thanked Audit Scotland for the professional manner with which they had undertaken their audit work and enabled the conclusion of the annual accounts process by the due date.

The Board noted the recommendation from the Chair of the Audit Committee and the 2016/17 Annual Audit report from Audit Scotland.

4 Approval of Grampian Health Board’s Annual Accounts 2016/17

The Annual Accounts for 2016/2017 were presented to the Board.

As noted in the previous item, it was confirmed that Audit Scotland had issued an unqualified audit opinion on the Board`s Accounts and that the Board had met its three financial targets. Deloitte LLP, the appointed auditors for the NHS Grampian Endowment Funds, had issued an unqualified audit opinion on the NHS Grampian Endowment Funds accounts.

The NHS Grampian accounts for the first time also consolidated the financial position of the three Integration Joint Boards in addition to the NHS Grampian Endowment Funds accounts.

The Chief Executive confirmed his approval of the Governance Statement which set out his review of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Board`s system of internal control.

The Chairman reminded Board members that the Annual Accounts would not be published until laid before Parliament later in the year.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to all those involved for their quality work in the production of the annual report and accounts including Mr Gray, Mr Kidd and their finance team colleagues as well as the Internal and External Auditors.

The Board approved the Annual Report and Accounts of the Grampian Health Board (commonly known as NHS Grampian) for 2016/17.
5 Patients’ Private Funds – Approval of the 2016/17 Abstract of Receipts and Payments

The Board was advised that the Audit Committee had reviewed the 2016/17 abstract of receipts and payments for Patients’ Private Funds documents at its meeting that morning and recommended the abstract of receipts and payments for approval by the Board.

The Board approved the 2016/17 Abstract of Receipts and Payments for Patients’ Private Funds.

6 Dates of Next Meetings

Thursday 6 July 2017 – Woodhill House, Aberdeen
Thursday 3 August 2017 – Woodhill House, Aberdeen

Signed .......................... Dated

Chairman