

Chair's Report

Report to: Board
Date: 19 December 2014
Report by: Paul Edie, Chair
Report No: B-29-2014
Agenda Item: 14

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an update on key developments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Notes the information contained in this report.

Version Control and Consultation Recording Form

Version	Consultation	Manager	Brief Description of Changes	Date
	Senior Management			
	Legal Services			
	Resources Directorate			
	Committee Consultation (where appropriate)			
	Partnership Forum Consultation (where appropriate)			

Equality Impact Assessment

To be completed when submitting a new or updated policy (guidance, practice or procedure) for approval.

Policy Title:

Date of Initial Assessment:

EIA Carried Out

YES

NO

If yes, please attach the accompanying EIA and briefly outline the equality and diversity implications of this policy.

If no, you are confirming that this policy will have no negative impact on people with a protected characteristic and a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

Name: Paul Edie

Position: Chair

Authorised by Director

Name: P Edie

Date:

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is my sixth Chair's report which highlights a few of my activities since the Board last met in October.

2.0 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts have been placed before Parliament in December.

Highlights include the rise in numbers of complaints handled by the Care Inspectorate about services. Press coverage has been generally favourable.

3.0 MINISTERIAL RESHUFFLE

The recent Ministerial changes at the Scottish Government have had an impact on the Care Inspectorate.

The CI reports to the cabinet secretary for Health and Well Being and also their Minister for Health.

Alex Neil has moved from his role as Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing to become Social Justice Secretary while Michael Mathieson has become Cabinet Secretary for Justice Minister.

The new ministerial team to whom we will now report is Shona Robison, who becomes Cabinet Secretary for Health and Well Being and Maureen Watt who is the new Health Minister.

The Chair and Chief Executive already have a meeting with the new Cabinet Secretary in the diary for January.

4.0 VISIT TO RQIA

Together with the Chief Executive I visited our colleagues in Northern Ireland in November to discuss issues of common interest and to learn from each other experience.

Northern Ireland has long had integrated Health and Social Care so it was an opportunity to hear how integration had been progressing over the years since it was introduced, and to discuss our approach utilising complaints about services to help inform inspection and improvement activities.

The exchange of views and experiences was very useful and I am most grateful to the RQIA for their hospitality.

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5.0 QUALITY CONVERSATIONS

I was delighted to participate in the latest round of Quality Conversations.

These were the second and third events aimed at involving service providers in discussions about issues or mutual interest and particularly on how we can work together to improve service quality.

The two events held in December were aimed at Children's and Families Services and services for People with learning Disabilities.

6.0 HIS MINISTERIAL REVIEW

The annual review of Healthcare Improvement Scotland took place in November shortly after the Scottish Government reshuffle.

It was the first such event for the new Health Minister Maureen Watt who gave HIS a thorough examination. The Care Inspectorate was also involved in the discussions with the minister posing questions about Joint Strategic Inspection.