

Meeting of NHS Board
28th March 2018



HEALTHCARE QUALITY ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE 8 March 2017

This paper summarises the key issues considered by the Healthcare Quality Assurance and Improvement Committee at its meeting on Thursday 8 March 2018.

The agenda was challenging as the meeting in January 2018 had to be cancelled due to the weather and winter pressures.

1. **Area Drugs & Therapeutic Committee (ADTC)** - at the November meeting the chair of the ADTC raised concerns about administrative support, and this has been addressed satisfactorily.
2. **Palliative Care** - the Committee dedicated a significant amount of time at the meeting to discussing the clinical model and were grateful for the input from Dr Findlay and Mr Cunningham, who took the Committee through the changes being implemented at Kilbryde Hospice in particular.

While supportive of the changes and plans being progressed, the Committee were looking for wider assurance, and it was decided that a further, more pan Lanarkshire report, would be provided to the May Committee meeting to secure this, so that the assurance on the clinical model can be reported to the May Board.

It was noted that there was significant effort being deployed to bring together the various elements, not just in Kilbryde Hospice, but also at St Andrew's Hospice, Strathcarron Hospice, into a wider pan Lanarkshire hospice and community framework. It was hoped that the assurance sought on behalf of the Board can be secured at the next meeting.

3. **Draft Quality Strategy** - the Committee then devoted a significant proportion of the agenda to talking through the draft Quality Strategy, and this is subject to wider consultation in any event. A great number of very positive comments were provided, covering the public health dimension, the role of the Strategy as an enabler, how best to translate this into deliverables, an associated communications strategy, priorities for the coming period, the desirability of reflecting corporate objectives.
4. **Routine Reports** - the Committee also reviewed a wide number of routine reports covering North and South HSCP Support, Care and Clinical Governance Groups, Public Health, Risk, Adverse Events, Patient Safety Leadership Walk rounds, and also looked at the new Ionising Radiation Regulations and the duties related to the new Duty of Candour legislation.
5. **Terms of Reference** - the Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference in light of the changes brought about by the introduction of the Population Health, Primary Care and Community Services Governance Committee, and have revised the Terms of Reference to reflect the changes being brought about. It was acknowledged that there may be areas of mutual interest, but the two Committees will work closely to together to ensure that any duplication is identified and minimised, as the remits of both Committees mature and stabilise.
6. **Next Meeting:** 10th May 2018.

Michael Fuller, Committee Chair

Iain Wallace, Medical Director