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**Minute of the Meeting of the Area Clinical Forum held on Thursday 20 June 2019 at
 2.00pm in Meeting Room 4, Kirklands Hospital, Bothwell**

PRESENT

Mrs M Lees	Chair, Area Allied Health Professions Advisory Committee (Chair)
Dr D Graham	Chair, Area Psychology Services Committee
Dr S Stuart	Member, Area Psychology Services Committee
Dr J McGuire	Member, Area Healthcare Sciences Advisory Committee
Dr G McCurragh	Chair, Area Healthcare Sciences Advisory Committee
Mr F Munro	Chair, Area Optometric Advisory Committee

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Cannon	Board Secretary
Dr J Pravinkumar	Consultant in Public Health
Dr B Mukhopadhyay	Consultant Physician / Clinical Lead for Realistic Medicine
Dr J Burns	Executive Medical Director
Mrs A Armstrong	Nurse Director, North Lanarkshire Health & Social Care Partnership

APOLOGIES

Mrs L Milby	Member, Area Dental Committee
Mrs G Richardson	Member, Area Pharmaceutical Committee
Ms J Savage	Vice Chair, Area Psychology Services Committee
Dr K McIntyre	Chair, Area Medical Advisory Committee
Ms C James	Member, Area Allied Health Professions Advisory Committee
Ms D Bramley	Vice Chair, Area Medical Committee
Ms M Simpson	Chair, Area Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Committee

1. **WELCOME**

Mrs. Lees welcomed colleagues to the meeting, and in particular Dr Pravinkumar and Dr. Mukhopadhyay for the item on realistic medicine. Mrs. Lees also welcomed Dr. Simon Stuart who was attending his first meeting of the Area Clinical Forum as a member of the Area Psychology Services Committee.

2. **MINUTES**

The minute of the meeting held on 18th April 2019 was approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

In relation to support for the Committee Mr. Cannon indicated that this had been discussed with the Chief Executive, and he asked Mr. Cannon and Mrs. Lees to undertake a scoping exercise and consider submitting an SBAR to the Corporate Management Team meeting to make the case for an additional member of staff to support the Area Clinical Forum and the Advisory structure.

In light of the financial position of the Board, and the lack of funds to support a new post, Mr. Cannon indicated that he had sought additional support from a colleague in the State Hospital who was going to provide him with some support around the Board and the Planning, Performance and Resources Committee meetings, which in turn would free up time to provide support for the Area Clinical Forum and the existing Committees. It was acknowledged however, that this did not address the issue of inequitable support across all of the Advisory Committees, and it was noted that this was being discussed further with Mrs. Lees in order to try and address that inequity.

4. **CRES 2019/20**

Mrs. Lees provided a report on the CRES session held jointly with the Area Partnership Forum on 25th April 2019, and the discussion with the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance on the Schemes put forward in 2019/20. Mrs. Lees reported that this was a very productive and useful meeting and it signified the first time that the Area Clinical Forum and the Area Partnership Forum had met jointly to discuss these issues.

In relation to wider schemes Mr. Munro indicated that there were good models within General Ophthalmic Services for shifting the balance of care and the costs from secondary to primary/community services. He provided a number of examples of where costs in an outpatient setting were of the order of four times as expensive as doing so within the Community, and while he recognised and acknowledged that these savings would not be applied wholesale to support new community endeavours there was an opportunity to shift activity and to realise savings at the same time.

In relation to glaucoma Mr. Munro indicated that there was a clear case for reducing the need to attend hospital by those suffering from these chronic conditions.

5. **REALISTIC MEDICINE**

Mrs Lees welcomed Consultant Physician / Clinical Lead for Realistic Medicine for attending to provide an overview for the Forum of the work being taken forward in relation to Realistic Medicine.

Dr Mukhopadhyay highlighted social prescribing, the work of the Citizens Jury, work on the Laboratory service, and the Atlas of Variation as the main focus for the project at present.

It was noted that the Atlas of Variation was intended to highlight trends and to elicit discussion about the uniformity of clinical pathways and clinical decision making

Dr Pravinkumar also highlighted the work being taken forward relating to DNAs and DNACPR.

Mrs Lees thanked Dr J Pravinkumar and Dr B Mukhopadhyay to taking the time and trouble to attend and for providing the Forum with an update.

6. **BREXIT**

Mrs. Lees and Mr. Cannon provided a verbal update in relation to Brexit preparations. It was noted that the command and control structure had been tested and put in place in January and February 2019, and stood down in March 2019.

It was anticipated that these arrangements would need to be revisited in preparation for an exit in October 2019.

7. **PROMOTING THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

Mrs Lees updated colleagues on the efforts being taken forward to promote the role of the Forum, and referred to the paper which was provided to the Planning, Performance and Resources Committee on 24th April 2019.

A skeleton mock-up of an Area Clinical Forum and associated Advisory Committee website template has been provided to Communications colleagues, and it was hoped to be able to share the template outwith the meeting for comment so that these pages can be established and kept up-to-date in order to help promote the work of the Forum, and the Advisory structure generally.

8. **MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY**

Mrs Anne Armstrong attended to present to members the latest version of the Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy which was undergoing period of consultation.

Forum members had been provided with a copy of the latest draft, and the paper that had been submitted to the May 2019 Board meeting.

The direction of travel set out in the draft Strategy was universally welcomed by Forum members, and specifically the references to social prescribing, maternal mental health, inequalities, well-being, and the focus on prevention were all highlighted by Forum members as important, and they were pleased to see the focus on these issues within the Strategy.

Mrs Lees thanks Mrs Armstrong for coming along and providing the Forum with an opportunity to see the developing draft and to input to this process. Mrs Armstrong in turn thanked Forum members for the positive comments and for their input so far.

9. **BOARD PAPERS – 30TH MAY 2019**

Members were provided with a link to the May 2019 Board papers and Mr. Cannon took colleagues through the main items discussed.

10. **SCOTTISH ACCESS COLLABORATIVE**

Mrs Lees referred to the infographic that had been circulated with the agenda, setting out the work of the Scottish Access Collaborative across a broad range of services. Mrs Lees stated that she had attended a recent Collaborative meeting and had been impressed by the range and depth of work being taken forward.

It was suggested that it might be useful to invite Julie Murray to a future meeting of the Forum to spread a greater understanding and appreciation of the work of the collaborative.

11. **GMS CONTRACT UPDATE**

In view of the difficulties Dr McIntyre had in attending as he was called to another meeting at the same time today it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

12. **NATIONAL MEETING UPDATE**

Members were provided with a range of papers arising from a National Clinical Forum meeting held on 5 June 2019 which were noted. Mrs Lees took members through the agenda and highlighted the key points raised at the meeting.

13. **FORUM WORKPLAN 2019/20**

Members received a copy of the Forum Workplan for 2019/20 and suggested that realistic medicine should be included. Mr. Cannon agreed to make this change.

14. **DATES OF MEETINGS 2019/20**

Members noted the dates of meetings for the remainder of 2019 and those dates for 2020.

15. **UPDATES FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Psychology Services Committee – Mr. Stewart provided an update in relation to the Committee, and it was noted that a number of new members were being actively recruited to the Committee. The most recent items causing concern were noted to be the availability of rooms in which to see patients within the Community, and also difficulties being experienced in using Trakare to record clinical outcome measures for CAMHS staff. It was noted that an SBAR was being prepared by the Clinical Director to address this issue outwith the meeting.

Pharmaceutical Committee – Mrs. Richardson unfortunately had to provide her apologies as did Mr. Macintyre. Mr. Cannon provided an overview of the items discussed including recent applications to be included in the GG&C list and a minor relocation in NHS Lanarkshire.

Optometric Committee - Mr Munro provided a detailed update in relation to LENS, where it was noted that another nine staff had been trained, and this was being viewed very positively by secondary care. This brought the total of the number of staff

trained to 300 across 90 practices and Mr. Munro added that a survey was being undertaken of those staff to ensure that they continued to be well supported. Mr. Munro also made reference to the low vision service where it was noted that between 700 and 1,000 patients had been seen per annum, which again was viewed very positively by patients and staff alike. It was also noted that Optometrists were not fully utilising the NHS.net e-mail addresses and reminders were being sent to colleagues to use NHS net as a secure means of communication.

In relation to referrals Mr. Munro indicated that all referrals to and from Community Optometrists were now being undertaken electronically through Sky Store. In terms of National work Mr. Munro provided an overview of the National initiatives being undertaken, including a review of SIMD 1 and 2 by practice.

Nursing & Midwifery Committee - there was no report.

Medical Committee - Dr McIntyre had been unavoidably delayed and was therefore no report provided.

Healthcare Sciences Committee - Dr McCurragh provided an update on point of care testing which was being tested through the Hospital at Home Service. He also alluded to the work being undertaken in relation to demand optimisation for laboratory tests which the rollout of limbs was assisting in providing monitoring reports.

Dental Committee - In Mrs Milby's absence Mr. Cannon provided an overview of the discussion at the last Dental Committee. Highlighting particularly the Committee's concerns over the availability of psychological support for patients undertaking a certain maxillofacial surgery procedures which had been provided by colleagues within Greater Glasgow and Clyde, but was no longer available. Dr. Burns asked if the out of area referral process was known to the Committee, and Mr. Cannon agreed to follow this up with Mrs. Milby separately.

Allied Health Professionals Committee - Mrs Lees provided an overview of the discussion at the last meeting, in particular referring to discussions around speech and language therapy and early years initiatives.

16. **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

There was no other competent business.

20. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

19th September 2019 at 2.00pm, Meeting Room 4, Kirklands Hospital