

Meeting on 11 July 2019

Key Issues Considered

1. Neonatal Services in NHS L - Dr Delahunty attended to provide an update on the national discussion around the number of neonatal centres in Scotland and the data provided demonstrated the strength of the NHS Lanarkshire service, nationally and internationally.
2. Research & Development (R&D) Annual Report - Mr Hamill, R&D Manager, attended to provide the Committee with an overview of the Annual Report which set out a wide range of activity, with an increasing focus on impactful research. It was very pleasing to note that a long running issue of providing better accommodation for the service had been resolved. The Annual Report demonstrated amply the breadth and range of research being undertaken, which was hugely impressive. For example, it was noted that there had been a 23% increase in CSO research support funding for 2018/19 (non-commercial research activity) and a 24% increase in income from commercial research activities for 2018/19.
3. The Committee considered the Board's response to the Infection Control issues raised following a HIS Inspection to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, and were reassured on the actions taken locally.
4. NHS Lanarkshire has been working with Health Protection Scotland as part of the UK-wide response to the Listeriosis outbreak associated with some sandwiches and salads provided by the Good Food Chain company to 43 NHS Trusts in England and one hospital in Scotland – University Hospital Hairmyres (UHH) in Lanarkshire. The Committee were provided with an update on the steps taken locally which were greatly reassuring and comprehensive.

Any Decisions / Approvals taken to highlight

1. A number of other Annual Reports were considered, in keeping with the assurance role of the Committee and these included the Duty of Candour Annual

Report, Lanarkshire Infection Control Committee, and the Resuscitation Committee, as well as updates on Information Governance, Missed Care, and a range of Quality initiatives.

2. The Committee were pleased to receive a new Annual Report, on Legal Claims, and the format of the report provided trend data and current issues.

Any risks identified that need to be highlighted

1. Public Protection – the Committee considered the Boards response to the review of Public Protection Internal Audit Findings (May 2019) and were provided with a very detailed update on each recommendation. The Committee will be updated again in September on progress. However, this remains a risk until full implementation and integration of Public Protection service.

2. No strictly a new risk, but the Committee had a detailed discussion around the environmental risks being managed at Monklands University Hospital, and Dr Keaney provided an update on the current challenges being faced. These risks have been articulated at Board level and will continue to be monitored.