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**Minute of the Meeting of the Area Clinical Forum held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019  
at 2.00pm in Meeting Room 3, Kirklands Hospital, Bothwell**

**PRESENT**

Mrs M Lees	Chair, Area Allied Health Professions Advisory Committee (Chair)
Dr K McIntyre	Chair, Area Medical Advisory Committee
Mr F Munro	Chair, Area Optometric Advisory Committee
Dr G McCurragh	Chair, Area Healthcare Sciences Advisory Committee
Mrs G Richardson	Chair, Area Pharmaceutical Committee
Mrs L Milby	Member, Area Dental Committee
Dr J Savage	Member, Area Psychology Services Forum
Dr D Graham	Member, Area Psychology Services Forum

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr P Cannon	Board Secretary
Dr J Burns	Medical Director
Dr J Pravinkumar	Consultant in Public Health

**APOLOGIES**

Ms D Bramley	Vice Chair, Area Medical Committee
Ms C James	Area Allied Health Professions Advisory 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 who was at the meeting for item 5 (Realistic Medicine) and Drs Savage and Graham who were representing the Area Psychology Services Forum.

2. **MINUTE**

The minute of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 was approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

No additional items were discussed not already on the agenda.

Dr Burns provided an update on the roll out of HEPMA, and it was noted that this was live from the end of January 2019 at University Hospital Monklands. The roll out will

continue and the aim was to move to University Hospital Hairmyres in August 2019, and thereafter to University Hospital Wishaw. Dr McIntyre welcomed the roll out which was well received by GP colleagues.

4. **WINTER PLANNING 2018/19**

Mrs Lees reminded colleagues that Mr Cunningham had attended the last meeting of the Forum to provide an update and the item had been retained on the agenda to provide an opportunity for members to feedback comments on the current situation. It was widely acknowledged that the winter flu and challenging weather experienced last year had not been a factor in 2018/19.

Mrs Richardson did raise the issue of shortages of pharmaceutical products which was taking Hospital staff an inordinate amount of time to resolve, and was a very onerous task. This, coupled with reduced numbers of trainees, and staff being spread across all three Hospital sites, was proving difficult to sustain.

Mrs Lees referred to the positive efforts being taken forward to reduce delays for patients with incapacity, and the positive impact that having designated care home capacity for these patients would yield.

5. **REALISTIC MEDICINE**

Members received an update from Dr Pravinkumar, Consultant in Public Health, which was intended to update members on the work being taken forward under the banner of Realistic Medicine.

Dr Pravinkumar referred to the three staff training events being held on 26 April, 22 May and 14 June, and the public events being held on 5 and 12 March 2019. It was agreed to circulate details of the events to Forum members.

Mrs Lees thanked Dr Pravinkumar for attending and updating Members on the events being held in the coming months.

6. **BREXIT**

Members were provided with details of the first workshop held on 18 February 2019 and were updated on the plans for the second workshop / live exercise on 4 March 2019.

Members highlighted issues from within their own field such as shortages of drugs and topical agents, and the impact of delays in the supply chain, particularly nuclear material with a short half-life.

All agreed that communications would be key in reassuring the public concerning drug shortages and the need to avoid stock piling.

7. **GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

Members received a copy of a paper that was being presented to the Planning, Performance and Resources Committee on 27 February 2019 which set out an update on the partnership arrangements with Glasgow Caledonian University and the process by which Departments could apply for University status, which was noted

8. **PROMOTING THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

Mrs Lees updated colleagues on efforts being taken forward to promote the role of the Forum, including an article in the Pulse, and work to improve the availability of information about the Forum and the Advisory Committees on the public web site.

Mrs Lees also reported that Mrs Mahal, the Board Chair, had indicated a willingness to attend Advisory Committee meetings, and had attended some already, and she asked if Dr McCurragh could provide dates for the meetings of the Healthcare Scientists Advisory Committee.

9. **GMS CONTRACT**

Dr McIntyre provided a verbal update on the progress being made around the implementation of the new GMS contract, and he highlighted changes being made to vaccination and Phlebotomy services in the coming months.

10. **UPDATE FROM JANUARY 2019 BOARD MEETING**

Members were provided with papers from the NHS Board meeting held in January 2019 including the Financial Report, Access Targets Report, Achieving Excellence, and the Corporate Risk Register.

It was noted that in relation to Cash Releasing Efficiency Savings (CRES), it was intended to hold a joint meeting with the Area Partnership Forum, to discuss the CRES schemes being put forward for 2019/20, so that views can be provided to the Board before any decisions are made on the schemes to be put in place.

11. **ANNUAL REPORT**

Mr. Cannon referred to a paper circulated separately that was intended to provide an Annual Report of the work of the Committee, which would be updated and recirculated for final comment at the April meeting. In the interim comments were welcome on the draft report, which once finalised would be submitted to the NHS Board in May 2019 as part of Governance arrangements.

12. **NATIONAL MEETING UPDATE**

Mrs Lees provided an overview of the discussion at the last National Forum meeting and highlighted in particular discussion around Safe Staffing legislation and the feedback from fellow Chairs about the Annual Reviews held to date.

13. **WORKPLAN 2018/19**

An updated Workplan was reviewed and noted.

14. **DATES OF MEETINGS 2019**

The dates of meetings for 2019 were noted.

18 April Conference Room, Kirklands (Easter Friday is 19 April)  
20 June Meeting Room 4, Kirklands  
19 September Conference Room, Kirklands  
21 November Conference Room, Kirklands

All at 2.00pm

15. **REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Psychology Services Committee - Dr Graham provided a general update and indicated that following a review of the membership of the Committee it had been agreed that the role of Chair would rotate.

Pharmaceutical Committee - Mrs Richardson reported that Members of the Committee had discussed public holiday opening times, had successfully piloted a new dossette regime over the festive period, and flu planning. It was also noted that the Wishaw Pharmacy Team were attending a Hospital Pharmacist Award ceremony on 24 February 2019, recognising the excellence of service provided by that team, and the Forum members wished them well.

Optometric Committee - Mr Munro provided an update on the new GOS regulations which came into force from 1 October 2018, and the continued success of the LENS programme, which was shifting demand from secondary care to primary care very successfully.

Nursing & Midwifery Committee - there was no report.

Medical Committee - Dr McIntyre had provided a comprehensive update on the new GMS Contract, but added that work was also ongoing in relation to Premises. He also referred to the efforts to refresh the Hospital membership of the Committee which was progressing satisfactorily.

Healthcare Sciences Committee - Dr McCurragh highlighted the Healthcare Sciences National Delivery Plan and the specific issues around shared services, in particular around Laboratory Services, and demand management.

Dental Committee - Mrs Milby reported that Mrs A Moore had been appointed to the position of Interim Director of Dentistry, plans being taken forward for domiciliary care, CRES issues, and the provision of defibrillators in Dental Practices.

Allied Health Professionals Committee – Mrs Lees referred to discussion round Mental Health, young people and Dementia and that Psychology Forum colleagues would be joining the next meeting of the Committee on 27 March 2019.

Mrs Lees thanked colleagues for provide highlights from recent meetings.

16. **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

Mrs Lees indicated that there had been discussion about the support provided to the Area Pharmaceutical Committee and the Area Dental Committee, and that this was being taken forward.

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

18 April 2019, 2pm, Conference Room, Kirklands Hospital

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