

COMMITTEE NAME: CHAIR AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS
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Population Health & Primary and Community Services Governance Committee (Meeting on 14 May 2019)

Chair: Margaret Morris Non-Executive Director

Key Issues Considered

The committee considered the **Primary Care Improvement Plan** update, there was some concern expressed regarding the national delay in putting in place a standardised IT system within GP practices, potentially 18 months. It anticipated Scottish Government will offer the option of 3 systems to be considered, however Lanarkshire have an aspiration to achieve one system for Lanarkshire and West of Scotland, efforts are also being made to press for a *once for Scotland* approach.

The committee received an update on **General Medical Services (GMS) Sustainability** and it was noted that a number of practices were being provided with support, it was noted the situation is fluid and closely monitored.

The committee considered the **North & South HSCPs Review of Integration** progress report on social care. The committee was satisfied with both reports and commended the both HSCPs on the work undertaken to date.

The committee received a progress report on the **University of Strathclyde/NHS Lanarkshire collaboration on Social Innovation Programme for Health & Wellbeing**. Further to the presentation from Sir Harry Burns, Professor of Global Public Health at the February meeting it was noted that work had begun with Rheumatology Services and was due to start in May with Respiratory Services. It was noted discussions were in place with both North and South HSCPs and NHSL. The ambitions of the first phase of this work is to maximise the efficiency of services and develop integration between primary and secondary care resulting in improved outcomes for patients.

The committee noted the annual report of the **Lanarkshire Health Weight Strategy Monitoring and Implementation Group**. The committee raised concern the staff healthy weight programmes status was red and the limited progress achieved to date in introducing these programmes in NHSL and other partners' workplaces. The committee noted the difficulties faced in staff being able to have time away from wards, other high activity areas. Update on progress will be provided in due course.

The committee received the 6 monthly **routine report on screening programmes** and were reassured. The committee noted attention was being focussed on patients who did not attend screening appointments and were reassured work was in progress to address this. The current Cytology Programme will end in 2019 and be replaced by HPV screening programme.

The Committee approved the North & South Lanarkshire Child Poverty Action Report for 2019 and commended the work undertaken to date and noted there is still much more to be done.

The committee noted the progress report on **Health Promoting Health Service** and NHSLs response to CMO directives on setting out a framework for action on improving health and reducing inequalities. The committee endorsed the programme and noted the work undertaken to date.

Any Decisions / Approvals taken to highlight
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The committee was pleased to receive an impressive presentation from Trudi Marshall Associate Director of Nursing NHSCP on **Improving Health and Wellbeing outcomes among high users of emergency departments** a project which had developed alongside the Review of Frequent Attenders Project. As part of the transformation change programme an innovative initiative was in place to reduce UHW Emergency Department (ED) attendances on a selected cohort of patients who were high users of EDs. The ambition to reduce attendances by 10% to end of March 2019 had been achieved.

The committee commended the UHW team on this excellent work to date and looked forward to updates in due course.

The committee noted a new post **Director of Dentistry** has been initiated by Chief Dental Officer, in the first instance this would be an interim post filled by current board staff. The post would drive the oral health programmes forward and would be key in addressing health inequalities in the dental programmes. The committee were supportive of the new post.

The committee noted the **SBAR on workforce pressure in delivering National Childsmile Programme to address oral health inequalities** in Lanarkshire recommending additional staffing to support the prevention programme with the aim to impact on the delivery of treatment particularly under general anaesthetic and aiming to provide a cost effective saving the long term. The committee noted the recommendations and that the decision rests with North and South HSCPs

Any risks identified that need to be highlighted

The committee received the deep dive report on **Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMs)**, the report was well received, and to note the committee were concerned to note a 60% increase in urgent referrals was putting pressure on the service. A commitment is in place from eHealth to improve communication systems such as texting as one of a number of initiatives being considered to support the service.