

Meeting of NHS Lanarkshire Board  
30 May 2018

## HEALTHCARE QUALITY ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE 10 May 2018

This paper summarises the key issues considered by the Healthcare Quality Assurance and Improvement Committee at its meeting on Thursday 10 May 2018.

1. **Palliative Care** - the Committee was anticipating that a paper on Palliative Care, describing the clinical model, would be presented, so that assurance could be provided to the Board at the May 2018 meeting. However, no paper was available and the Committee was advised that staffing and certain key assurances around the clinical model were not finalised and it was hoped that the final configuration would be signed off by all parties concerned soon, and there was a degree of confidence that staff will be appointed to allow the model to proceed. The item was therefore deferred, and a special meeting has been scheduled for 12 June 2018 to cover this issue.
2. **Family Experience** - Dr Cook attended the meeting to bring Members up to speed with a Significant Adverse Event Review conducted following a patient suicide, which had previously been reported to the Committee. Dr Cook provided further detail that had emerged since the SAER was reported to the Committee, and the most up to date position regarding communication with the family and the Procurator Fiscal. It was also noted that the Action Plan had been completed with the exception of the attendance at the Board meeting by the family, and Dr Cook provided a further update on the actions taken at the time, and improvements made since, to systems, processes and the care environment. It was noted that the family involved planned to attend the NHS Board meeting in May 2018 to present their experience, however this has been postponed at the family's request.
3. **Draft Quality Strategy** - the Committee were pleased to recommend to the Board the adoption of the Quality Strategy for 2018-2023, and commended Dr Smith and her team for driving this review forward and for producing such a positive and useful framework, which sits well with *Achieving Excellence* and the many other quality initiatives underway within the Board.
4. **Information Governance** - The Committee received the Information Governance Committee Annual Report and Dr McMenemy, as chair of the Group, attended to give an overview of the work of the Committee. The Committee discussed in detail the implications of the new Data Protection legislation, cyber security, data management in GP Practices and the Scottish Government's Digital Strategy.
5. **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, Food, Fluid and Nutrition, Prescribing, Child Health, SPSO cases, and the duties related to the new Duty of Candour legislation. It was noted that some of these reports will now feature on the Population Health, Primary Care and Community Services Governance Committee agenda in future.
6. **Next Meeting: Special meeting 12 June 2018 / Routine 12 July 2018.**

Michael Fuller, Committee Chair

Iain Wallace, Medical Director