

Board Meeting
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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Guidance: An Ethical Framework

1. PURPOSE

This paper is coming to the Board:

For approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	For endorsement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To note	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Scottish Government issued guidance on an ethical advice and support framework (attached as Appendix 2) on 3 April 2020, and the guidance has been reviewed by Dr Burns, Medical Director.

2. ROUTE TO THE BOARD:

This paper has been:

Prepared	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reviewed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Endorsed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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by the Board Secretary following discussion between the Director of Quality, the Board Medical Director and after consultation with the Board Chair.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The purpose of the guidance is to encourage clear decision-making, it signalled the establishment of a National Group and asked Boards to establish Local Groups.

Appendix 1 sets out draft Terms of Reference for such a local group. These have been drafted by the Medical Director.

The first meeting of the local group will be asked to formally approve their Terms of Reference, after which these will be formatted to be consistent with the Board's Governance, and other Committee, Terms of Reference, and Standing Orders, and brought back to the Board to formal approval.

This is a stand-alone group which can access existing structures and will report into Gold Command and, through the Board Chair and Chief Executive, to the Board, as appropriate. It is important to ensure that it can operate with agility to support Gold Command and be reported into the Board as required. To support COVID 19 this will be retrospective reporting which is how the Board is currently operating.

It is proposed that Margaret Morris, be appointed as Chair, and Ally Boyle, as Vice Chair, of the Group.

4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This paper links to the following:

Corporate Objectives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AOP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Government Directive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Requirement	<input type="checkbox"/>	AHF/Local Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urgent Operational Issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		

5. CONTRIBUTION TO QUALITY

This paper aligns to the following elements of safety and quality improvement:

Three Quality Ambitions:

Safe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Person Centred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Six Quality Outcomes:

Everyone has the best start in life and is able to live longer healthier lives; (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People are able to live well at home or in the community; (Person Centred)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Everyone has a positive experience of healthcare; (Person Centred)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff feel supported and engaged; (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare is safe for every person, every time; (Safe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Best use is made of available resources. (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6. MEASURES FOR IMPROVEMENT

None. The arrangements will be subject to review in October 2020.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

None.

9. FIT WITH BEST VALUE CRITERIA

This paper aligns to the following best value criteria:

Vision and leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective partnerships	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Governance and accountability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use of resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Performance management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equality	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The impact of any changes will be considered and an EQIA completed if appropriate.

- Yes *Please say where a copy can be obtained*
 No *Please say why not* An EDIA is not required.

11. CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The draft Terms of Reference have been subject to discussion with the Board Chair, Board Secretary, Director of Quality and Medical Director.

12. ACTIONS FOR THE BOARD

The Board is asked to

1. Approve the establishment of the Ethical Advice and Support Advisory Group in line with Scottish Government Guidance;
2. Approve the appointment of Margaret Morris, as Chair, and Ally Boyle, as Vice Chair of the Group; and
3. Endorse the proposed Membership and Terms of Reference recognising that this will be discussed at the first meeting of the group and will come back to the Board for approval.

Approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Endorsement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Identify further actions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Note	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accept the risk identified	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ask for a further report	

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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