

NHS Board
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SUBJECT: CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (MAY 2020)

1. PURPOSE

This paper is coming to the Board:

For approval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/>	To note	<input type="checkbox"/>
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This paper highlights changes that are required in Section A of the Code of Corporate Governance.

2. ROUTE TO THE BOARD

This paper has been:

Prepared	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reviewed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Endorsed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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by the Board Secretary to take account of developments and changes that require to be reflected in the Code.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

Members will note that as part of the developments underpinning the Corporate Governance Blueprint (discussed at item 10 of the Board agenda) work is underway to establish templates for Board Standing Orders, Standing Financial Instructions, Board agendas and reports and Committee Terms of Reference. In light of these developments in 2019/20 there has only been a minor changes to the current Code, which was updated and approved in 2019. The Board's Standing Financial Instructions and Scheme of Delegation were approved by the Board at the meeting in April 2020 and have been incorporated into the refreshed Code. Any updated Governance Committee Terms of Reference will also be incorporated.

Two changes are required. One to update factual information about the number of Non Executives appointed to the NHS Board, and the second to reflect the Strategic Partnership arrangement with Glasgow Caledonian University.

Composition of the Board

Section A - Introduction - Paragraph 5 - Composition of the Board

The composition of the Board needs to be updated as we now have 7 Non Executive Lay Members following the appointment of Mr Ally Boyle as a Non Executive Member to replace Mr Michael Fuller, who came to the end of his term office on 31 March 2020.

The Scottish Government also appointed Whistleblowing Champions to all NHS Boards and Ms Lesley McDonald was appointed to NHS Lanarkshire as a Non Executive Board Member with a specific responsibility as Whistleblowing Champion, from 1 February 2020.

Strategic Partnerships

This requires to be updated to reflect the Strategic Partnerships agreed with the University of the West of Scotland and Strathclyde University.

The May 2020 Code can be accessed either through the Board Portal Admin Control, or on Firstport. The updated Code will be published on the Board’s website after the Board meeting.

4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This paper links to the following:

Corporate objectives	<input type="checkbox"/>	AOP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government policy	<input 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"/>		

The Code of Corporate Governance effectively provides a framework to support all of the above.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO QUALITY

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

Three Quality Ambitions:

Safe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Effective	<input type="checkbox"/>	Person Centred	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The Code of Corporate Governance provides a framework which defines the business principles of the NHS Board and the Organisation, in support of the delivery of safe, effective, person-centred care and the undernoted Quality Outcomes.

Six Quality Outcomes:

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

6. MEASURES FOR IMPROVEMENT

This section is not directly relevant.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no obvious material risks.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An E&D Impact Assessment has not been completed, because the Code of Corporate Governance equally encompasses all aspects of the Board's role in the discharge of its business.

11. CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Section A of the Code of Corporate Governance, with proposed amendments, was made in light of changes agreed by the Board in 2017, and respective Committees, and in consultation with the Board Chair. The Standing Financial Instructions and Scheme of Delegation were approved by the Audit Committee in April, and the NHS Board in April 2020.

12. ACTIONS FOR THE BOARD

The Board is asked to:

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

The NHS Board is asked to:

- (a) approve the changes made to the factual information in relation to the composition of the Board;
- (b) approve the updated section in the Code to reflect the Strategic Partnerships with the University of the West of Scotland and Strathclyde University; and
- (c) note that the updated Code of Corporate Governance will be uploaded on to the Board's public facing web site after the meeting;

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about any aspect of this paper, please contact Paul Cannon, Board Secretary. Telephone: 01698 858181 e-mail paul.cannon@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk