

COMMITTEE

AREA CLINICAL FORM

CHAIR MRS M LEES



Meeting on 17 June 2021

Key Issues Considered

The Forum were provided with updates on the Covid vaccination programme as well as the public health aspects of the infection in NHS Lanarkshire.

The Forum also discussed Recovery issues, Strategy development, specifically the new Our Health Together Strategy, and how this is to be taken forward.

Dr Burns also advised Forum Members that the Board has been asked to return to pre covid elective capacity by the end of 2021. Forum Members highlighted how social distancing restrictions that was making it impossible to return to 100% capacity, especially in primary care.

Mrs Lees also provided an overview of the Health Inequalities seminar and the slides for the session were shared.

Other topics discussed included the Remobilisation Plan, Quality Report, the Redesign of Urgent Care, the Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy, the Monklands Replacement Project and an update from the National Chairs meeting held on 2 June 2021.

The Forum has invited Ms Lesley McDonald, Whistleblowing Champion, to a future meeting and dates are being agreed, and invitations have also been extended to the Cabinet Secretary and the Director General of the NHS in Scotland.

Any Decisions / Approvals taken to highlight

The Forum appointed a new Vice Chair, Dr Claire James, Chair of the Allied Health Professionals Committee

Any risks identified that need to be highlighted

In discussing the Covid programme and mindful of the success of the programme, Forum Members did express some concerns about the impact of new variants (and whether boosters were to be offered) and the potential impact of flu., as well as the ongoing displacement of key staff in primary care.

The Forum was also concerned to hear that many Community Optometrists are not taking up new contracts, and the impact that was having in remote and rural areas in particular.