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**Minute of the Meeting of the Area Clinical Forum held on
 Thursday 15th September at 2.00pm via MS Teams**

PRESENT

Mrs M Lees	Chair, Area Allied Health Professions Advisory Committee (Chair)
Dr K McIntyre	Chair, Area Medical Advisory Committee
Mr F Munro	Chair, Area Ophthalmic Advisory Committee
Ms C James	Member, Area Allied Health Professions Advisory Committee (Vice Chair)
Ms K Taggart	Chair, Area Healthcare Sciences Advisory Committee
Dr A Campbell	Chair, Area Psychology Advisory Committee
Dr J McGuire	Member, Area Healthcare Sciences Advisory Committee
Dr S Percival	Director of Dentistry

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Cannon	Board Secretary
Mr I Patterson	Digital Strategy Project Manager
Ms A Lawrie	Area Clinical Forum Chair, Fife
Mr M Simpson	Head of Sustainability,

APOLOGIES

Mr A Macintyre	Chair, Area Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee
Mrs M Russell	Chair, Nursing & Midwifery Advisory Committee
Dr A Campbell	Chair, Area Psychological Services Advisory Committee
Mr A McIntyre	Chair, Area Dental Advisory Committee

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Mrs Lees welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 23RD JUNE 2022

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2022 were approved as an accurate record.

4. **SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY**

Mr. Simpson attended the meeting to share a presentation with the Committee on the Sustainability Strategy. He spoke of the record heat temperatures and more recently the devastating floods in Pakistan. He spoke of how difficult it would be to continue to provide our services if this happened in the UK. He drew members' attention to the three key themes within the Strategy entitled Our NHS; Our People; and our Planet. He explained in detail a number of issues in relation to these three key themes. The areas that were being focussed on were: carbon and emissions; travel and transport; built environment; environmental impact; our people and service design. The Strategy had been presented to the PPRC in April 2022 as a first draft and was now in an engagement phase.

Moving forward an update would be given to the PPRC in September and to the NHS Board in October taking into account the feedback. The Sustainability Environment Group would be refreshed and it was noted that it would be beneficial if this could include a member from the Area Clinical Group.

The Forum then had a discussion around recycling, waste facilities and local procurement. Mr. Simpson agreed to raise with colleagues' issues with waste facilities as this was a key theme that emerged. Mr. Simpson and Mr. Patterson agreed to meet to discuss some of the issues.

Mrs. Lees thanked Mr. Simpson for his presentation.

5. **COVID 19 UPDATES**

There was no update for this item.

6. **RECOVERY ISSUES**

No further updates were given.

7. **DRAFT LANARKSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATED WORKFORCE PLAN 2022-2025**

Mrs. Lees highlighted that there was a Draft Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Integrated Workforce Plan 2022-2025. An Action Plan has been developed to set out local commitments going forward. The final version would be published on the 8th November.

The Forum discussed some of the issues within the Plan in relation to the different specialties and it was pointed out that Optometry had been omitted. Mrs. Lees asked Mr. Munroe to send her an e-mail with the information and she would pass this information to Jonathan Pender the Head of Workforce. A detailed discussion then ensued around the prescribing function and how this can fall back to the GP. Mr. Munroe agreed to take this issue to the Optometry Leads. It was noted that electronic prescribing would be helpful and this would come into force possibly in 2025.

Ms. Orr advised that she was leading the Health Care Scientist for the Workforce tool which was useful for all sub specialties apart from Medical Physics as they do not have an overarching Manager so she was visiting each site to find someone to take on this role. Mrs. Lees asked if this information could be e-mailed to her.

7. **DIGITAL STRATEGY PRESENTATION**

Mr. Patterson, Digital Strategy Project Manager attended the meeting to give an update on the NHS Digital Strategy.

The Strategy would be submitted to the NHS Board in December and would be published next year. It had a five-year outlook and there was a broad engagement remit which included clinicians, all staff, patients, the public and partners. He explained that all of the Health and Social Care Strategy Workstreams would have a section to say why digital and e-health is important to their area over the next five years. This would be helpful to see what it looks like now and also to what it will look like in the coming years.

There was engagement with many stakeholders to co-produce the Strategy. Over the next two weeks there would be running a series of sessions dedicated to clinical staff engagement and these will be shared. He advised that two separate Q & A Sessions had been organised and that the first part of the sessions would be recorded, and would be circulated with an open clinical survey available. It is hoped that the ACF would be able to promote this. Some of the clinical questions covered were also highlighted to the Forum. Mrs. Lees confirmed that she was Co-Chair of the Our Health Together Delivery Team and she would help with the promotion of the surveys.

Mr. Simpson agreed to link with Mr. Patterson as some of the areas covered linked with some of the work that he was undertaking.

The Forum then discussed issues with digital inclusion for the public, and also how you link with independent contractors and general practice. Some of the problems were highlighted that the independent contractors faced and Mr. Patterson confirmed that they were aware of some of these issues. He also advised that he would be willing to meet with Dr McIntyre for a separate session and this invitation was also extended to anyone on the Forum.

Mrs. Lees thanked Mr. Patterson for his presentation.

8. **BOARD UPDATES**

a) Finance

The Forum noted the Finance Report for the period 31st August 2022.

b) Corporate Risk Register

The Forum noted the risks contained within the Risk Register.

c) Quality Directorate Report

The report was noted for the Quality Directorate.

d) Strategic Academic Partnership

The paper for the Strategic Academic Partnership was noted.

e) Whistleblowing Annual Report 2021/2022

Mrs. Lees drew members' attention to the Whistleblowing Annual Report for 2021/2022. There were three concerns raised during this period.

9. MONKLANDS REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

A Joint Meeting had been organised for the Area Clinical Forum and the Area Partnership Forum to discuss the Outline Business Case for the Monklands Hospital.

10. STAFF WELLBEING

There were no further updates presently.

11. NATIONAL ACF CHAIRS MEETING – 1ST JUNE 2022 – FEEDBACK

Mrs. Lees provided an update on the National ACF Chairs Meeting on the 1st June and 7th September 2022. At the last meeting the Minister for Social Security had attended the meeting to provide information on the new definition of disability and an update on PIP. The Forum then discussed the new process and how the Scottish system will be very different. It was felt that there should be an appropriate review after a year. Dr McIntyre advised that some GPs had concerns in relation to the questions.

Mr. Cannon and Mrs. Lees agreed to meet to discuss if there were any issues to be brought back to the Group.

12. UPDATES FROM PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Area Allied Health Professionals Advisory Committee

Ms. James gave an update on the Committee work. The Committee last met on the 17th August and the membership had been widened to include more clinical patient facing staff.

The Staff Well Being Service had been discussed and a Business Case had been submitted for further funding.

The Rehabilitation Strategy was also discussed at the meeting which was led by Janice McClymont, Head of OT.

In relation to AHP Workforce Planning Ms. James intimated that currently there was a programme of dates running to support all the Professions with workforce planning as there are no national tools for AHPs. This work was welcomed.

The AHP Public Health Strategy has been published and this work was being taken forward to implement the Plan.

Area Dental Advisory Committee

There was no update for this item.

Health Care Sciences Committee

Some of this report had been covered earlier in the meeting.

Optometric Committee

Mr. Munro highlighted the following to the Committee:

The Lens Scheme continues to evolve and develop with some drug products being added.

There was good collaboration with secondary care on the shared care arrangements.

All of the independent prescriber Optometrists are accessing the portals to help with the management of patients and it was hoped to have all of the Optometrists on the portal in future. Work was ongoing in this area.

A new Stroke Pathway had been developed and training would need to be in place for all the Optometrists so the PGD can be signed off.

There was a National version of the low vision scheme being rolled out. This was on the back of the Emergency Budget Review.

It was intimated that low vision and the specialist enhanced general family services arrangements has been suspended along with the proposal for a five years Masters Programme to train Optometrists.

Area Medical Advisory Committee

Dr McIntyre highlighted that there was a number of meetings planned and that he and Mr. Cannon were arranging to meet to discuss nominations for the Committee.

He referred to an e-mail that had been sent out to all clinicians indicating that casualty would only accept people who were in extremis or seriously ill. If this did not apply the alternatives would be Hospital at Home. He advised that Hospital at Home is not available currently in Clydesdale Localities, Camglen Localities and Northern Corridor Localities. There was no alternative for home care. Secondly, Dr McIntyre had arranged a meeting with Dr Findlay and John Keaney along with others from Primary Care to discuss the Minor Injuries Service.

Dr McIntyre had met with the Board Chair on behalf of the AMC. They had discussed how urgent care could be improved going forward.

It was hoped to set up a Hospital Sub Committee as part of the Advisory Structure and cross fertilise with the GP Sub to improve communication, and take issues that may be more helpful in a rounded matter rather than having a Medical Staffing Association in one particular locality.

Nursing and Midwifery Committee

There was no update for this item.

Pharmacy Committee

There was no update for this item.

Psychological Services Committee

There was no update for this item.

13. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

There was no further business to discuss.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th November 2022 at 2.00pm by Teams.