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**Minute of the Meeting of the Area Clinical Forum held on
 Thursday 17 November 2022 at 2.00pm via MS Teams**

PRESENT

Mrs M Lees	Chair, Area Allied Health Professions Advisory Committee (Chair)
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
Mrs M Stevens	Member, Nursing & Midwifery Advisory Committee

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Cannon	Board Secretary
Mrs S Murray	Associate Nurse Director

APOLOGIES

Mr A Macintyre	Chair, Area Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee
Dr K McIntyre	Chair, Area Medical Advisory Committee
Mr F Munro	Chair, Area Ophthalmic Advisory Committee
Mr D McIntyre	Chair, Area Dental Advisory Committee
Dr S Percival	Director of Dentistry

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.

3a. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15TH SEPTEMBER 2022

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2022 were approved as an accurate record.

3b. MATTERS ARISING

There were no specific items raised.

4. **FRAILITY UPDATE**

Mrs Lees welcomed Mrs Murray who was attending to provide the Frailty update. Members noted the extensive work being undertaken with Nursing Homes in this regard, and that the issue was a workstream within the overall Our Health Together Strategy. The main focus of the work of the sub group was in relation to the efforts of Hospital At Home, and generally measures to improve admission avoidance. It was also noted that the definition for the cohort of patients was being broadened to include under 65 year olds.

Mrs Lees thanked Mrs Murray for attending and taking members through the development of the work of the Frailty Group.

5. **WINTER PLAN**

In relation to the Winter Plan, Members were provided with a copy of the paper that had been discussed with the NHS Board. The paper provided an update of, and sought approval for, the planning arrangements being put in place to ensure services are prepared for the coming winter months – with particular recognition of planning alongside the potential impacts of Covid 19, influenza, cost of living issues and other concurrent risks.

Additionally, this was set against a background of an unprecedented pre-existing system wide pressures as a result of the ongoing challenge of recovering from and working with the ongoing impact of the Covid pandemic.

Members noted the paper.

6. **OUR HEALTH TOGETHER**

Mrs Lees provided a copy of the Strategic Delivery Team Action Log to provide an overview of the work of the Team. It was noted that a further meeting of the Team was held earlier in the day.

It was also noted that the framework had been discussed with the Planning, Performance and Resources Committee and that the next major phase of work would be around an engagement Plan.

The Committee would also be involved in scrutinising the engagement plan before this was launched.

7. **ONCE FOR SCOTLAND WORKFORCE POLICIES CONSULTATION – CLOSING DATE 25TH NOVEMBER 2022**

Mrs Lees highlighted that the NHSScotland ‘Once for Scotland’ Workforce Policies Supporting the Work-Life Balance Consultation opens on Wednesday 26 October 2022.

It was noted that the consultation follows an earlier series of regional engagement events, and provides a further opportunity to comment. Mrs Lees encouraged

Members to take these through their various parent Committees and consider submitting a response.

8. STAFF WELLBEING

Members were provided with a copy of the NHS Lanarkshire Staff Health & Wellbeing Strategy which will be launched at a Health & Wellbeing event in October 2022.

9. BOARD UPDATES

a) Finance

It was noted that discussion was ongoing between the NHS Board and Scottish Government over the forecasted year end position and the support that might be made available to NHS Boards in meeting the financial targets. It was also highlighted that there was significant financial pressure on costs as a result of the use of agency staffing (particularly nursing) and vacancies across a number of specialties such as Health Visiting and School Nursing were exacerbating the position.

b) Corporate Risk Register

The progress being made in issuing a tender for the new Managed Laboratory Services Contract was noted.

c) Quality Directorate Report

Mrs Lees highlighted the report that is prepared for the Board by the Executive Medical Director which contained a wide range of very positive developments in the field of quality of care, and commended it to Committees to review on greater detail. Members highlighted the need to promote the use of DATIX as a tool for capturing risks and incidents and learning. It was noted that the Walkrounds had been paused for a short period to review how this was operating, and this will be relaunched in early 2023.

d) Whistleblowing Quarter 1

Noted.

e) Annual Delivery Plan 2022/2023

Noted.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Psychological Services Committee

Dr Campbell highlighted the difficulties being experienced in securing clinical space as services re-established provision, especially in face to face modes of service delivery. Alison also highlighted Mind matters, as a very useful resource for staff and

the public and commended it to Members to promote within their own professions. She also asked if the 15m ban on smoking in Hospital grounds was likely to cause difficulties and members were asked to raise this in their own Committees. It was a particular difficulty in Mental Health inpatient facilities. It was also noted that the Committee had set up 2 short life working groups, to look at deaths that occur involving staff (and support to existing colleagues), and the flexible use of agile working.

Pharmaceutical Committee

No report available.

Optometric Committee

No report available.

Nursing & Midwifery Committee

Mrs Steven reported that Mr Patterson had attended the meeting to showcase the draft Digital Strategy and Marie Rooney had also attended to take colleagues through the Health & Wellbeing Strategy. The next meeting was going to focus on supervision.

Medical Committee

No report available.

Healthcare Sciences Committee

Ms McTaggart reported that the Committee had been looking at updating their Terms of Reference and Membership and that nationally they were aligned with ongoing discussions about Point of Care Testing, and the Health Care Science data strategy. The safe staffing levels legislation had also been discussed.

Dental Committee

No report available.

Allied Health Professionals Committee

Ms James reported that the Committee had discussed dementia services and were involved in a consultation exercise looking at an Allied Health Professionals Public Health Strategy, and this would be reported back to the AHP Committee in due course. There had also been an early discussion about workforce challenges, especially in the light of returning services to normal provision and the need to look at the new Monklands Hospital workforce demands.

11. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

In her absence Mrs Lees noted that this would have been Dr Burns last meeting before retiring at the end of the year, but unfortunately she was unable to attend as a result of other competing demands.

Mrs Lees thanked Dr Burns for her support of the work of the Forum and members associated themselves with these remarks.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th February 2023 at 2.00pm.

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