



Chair's Report

Report to: Board
Date: 3 October 2013
Report by: Paul Edie, Chair
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Agenda Item: 12

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides an update on key developments since the 28 June 2013 Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Notes the information contained in this report.

Version Control and Consultation Recording Form

Version	Consultation	Manager	Brief Description of Changes	Date
1.0	Senior Management	Chief Executive		24/09/13
	Legal Services			
	Resources Directorate			
	Committee Consultation (where appropriate)			
	Partnership Forum Consultation (where appropriate)			
<p>Equality Impact Assessment</p> <p>To be completed when submitting a new or updated policy (guidance, practice or procedure) for approval.</p>				
Policy Title:				
Date of Initial Assessment:				
EIA Carried Out		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, please attach the accompanying EIA and briefly outline the equality and diversity implications of this policy.				
If no, you are confirming that this policy will have no negative impact on people with a protected characteristic and a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required.		Name: Paul Edie Position: Chair		
Authorised by Director	Name: P Edie	Date: 25 September 2013		

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is the first report from the Chair of the Care Inspectorate to the Board.

I am profoundly grateful to my predecessor, Professor Frank Clark who has passed on to me an organisation which is in good shape generally and very much moving in the right direction strategically. I have sat on a number of Boards over the years and I am keen to tap into any good practice. As such, I felt it would be useful if I, as Chair, were to publicly update Board members on some of the activities and developments I have been involved with since the last Board meeting, 28 June 2013. This is by no means an exhaustive list.

2.0 NEW BOARD MEMBER

I would like to welcome Professor Jim McGoldrick's appointment to the Board. Professor McGoldrick has been appointed Convener of the Scottish Social Services Council and replaces Garry Coutts, who stood down at the end of August 2013 after a very distinguished tenure. Mr Coutts will be a tough act to follow but Professor McGoldrick has a very strong track record as a non-executive director with various boards and has recently been Chair of NHS Fife. I am sure that he will make a very valuable contribution during his term of office.

3.0 STAFF CONFERENCE

In early September, I was delighted to open the Care Inspectorate's annual staff conference in Edinburgh. I was very pleased to see a heightened presence from Board members, who took the opportunity to meet many of our staff members at the event. Highlights from the conference included the presentation by Dr Martin Stern, a survivor of the holocaust who spoke eloquently and very passionately about human rights.

4.0 VISITS TO LOCAL OFFICES

I have been trying to visit as many local offices as practical. So far, I have managed to visit Dundee, Dunfermline, Musselburgh, Stirling, Hamilton, Irvine, Paisley, Selkirk, Inverness, Oban and Dumfries. This has been invaluable. I have picked up all sorts of interesting perspectives from staff and have made sure any concerns have been taken up with management, where necessary.

5.0 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION

The Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Bill, outlining how Scotland's Health and Social Care can be better integrated, is currently making its way through the Scottish Parliament.

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The draft Bill states that the Care Inspectorate will carry out a number of joint inspections with Healthcare Improvement Scotland. The Care Inspectorate lodged a submission to the consultation process from our Board in July 2013 and we are likely to be giving evidence to the Health and Sport Committee on the legislation in due course.

6.0 SHADOWING INSPECTIONS

I have taken the opportunity to join a couple of our inspection teams out in the field to see for myself our staff at work. I was impressed both by their expertise and dedication to their task. I was also delighted to meet one of our lay assessors during my first inspection. The particular perspective she brought to the inspection was very valuable and I am keen to see the Care Inspectorate develop this area of work.

7.0 MEETING WITH THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

I met with the Cabinet Secretary on 26 September 2013. The meeting was scheduled to review the draft Annual Report and Accounts as part of an accountability meeting. I was accompanied by the Chief Executive.