

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 24/149
Paper Title:	Standing Committee Chair's Board Report
Meeting:	Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	17 December 2024
Purpose of Paper:	Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Name of Reporting Committee:	Acute Services Committee
Date of Reporting Committee:	12 November 2024
Committee Chairperson:	David Gould

1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at the Acute Services Committee.

2. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Acute Services Committee on 12 November 2024 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

3.1 Acute Services Integrated Performance Report

- The paper was presented to the Committee for assurance.
- The Committee noted that overall compliance with A&E four-hour waits had marginally increased from the previous month's position. Performance in relation to new outpatient, TTG and imaging activity was exceeding the planned position for the period.
- The Committee noted that the Cancer 31 Day waiting times position had marginally decreased since the previous month and was below the national target. There was an improvement in Cancer 62 Day waiting times on the

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previous month's position, however, performance remained challenged due to the significant increase in Urgent Suspicion of Cancer referrals.

- The Committee were advised that overall sickness absence levels had marginally decreased since the previous month's' position and performance remained above the local target.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.2 Financial Monitoring Report

- The paper was presented to the Committee for assurance and outlined the month 6 financial position for Acute Services.
- The Committee noted that as at 30 September 2024, the Acute Services finance ledger was reporting a deficit of £41.1 million - unachieved savings totalling £29.6 million; pay pressures £8.1 million over budget; and non-pay pressures £10.4 million over budget.
- The Committee discussed the scope of the financial challenge and noted the actions underway to mitigate further overspend.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.3 Junior Doctor Workforce/Educational Review

- The paper was presented to the Committee for assurance.
- The Committee noted that resident doctors and clinical fellows accounted for around 40% of the medical workforce and training was an essential core function of the organisation. The work of the Directorate of Medical Education to ensure that the standards of medical education and training set by the GMC were achieved in NHS GGC was described as was the function and work of the Scotland Deanery.
- The Committee also noted the actions underway across the Acute Division to further enhance and support the Directorate of Medical Education.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.4 Organ Donation Update

- The paper was presented to the Committee for assurance.
- The Committee also received a presentation from the Clinical Lead for Organ Donation which described organ donation across Scotland and in NHS GGC during 2023.
- The Committee were advised that since the implementation of the Organ Donation Taskforce recommendations in 2008 there had been an increase in organ donation and transplantation across the UK, however, there were still significant numbers of people on the transplant waiting list. The Committee were advised that ethnic minority and mixed heritage patients were less likely to find well-matched donors and the work to improve donations in BAME communities was described.
- The Committee were assured by the update and the future plans that were outlined for NHS GGC.

3.5 Extract from Corporate Risk Register

- The paper was presented to the Committee for approval.

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- The Committee considered the three risks aligned to the Committee and noted there were no changes proposed to the risk scores. The Committee were advised that the work to review the risk in relation to Unscheduled Care had now been completed and would be taken through the required governance before being presented to the next meeting of the Committee.
- The Committee were content to approve the Corporate Risk Register.

4. Issues for referral to other Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board

There were no issues for referral to other Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Acute Services Committee will take place on Tuesday 14 January 2025.