

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 25/19
Paper Title:	Standing Committee Chair's Board Report
Meeting:	NHSGGC Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	25 February 2025
Purpose of Paper:	Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Name of Reporting Committee:	Acute Services Committee
Date of Reporting Committee:	14 January 2025
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 14 January 2025 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

3.1 Acute Services Committee Governance Approach

- The paper was presented to the Committee for approval.
- The Committee were advised that additional focus around Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) had been identified as an area requiring development by NHSGGC and following a review of the Standing Committee structure it had been proposed to discontinue the Acute Services Committee and migrating its responsibilities to the Finance, Planning and Performance Committee (FPPC), the Clinical and Care Governance Committee (CCCG) and the Staff Governance Committee (SGC).

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- The Committee noted that this would be closely monitored to ensure that the same level of scrutiny was applied by the other Committees.
- The Committee approved the proposal.

3.2 Acute Services Integrated Performance Report

- The paper was presented to the Committee for assurance.
- The Committee noted that performance in relation to new outpatient, TTG and imaging activity continued exceeded planned position agreed with the Scottish Government for the first eight months of the financial year.
- The Committee noted that compliance with ED four hour waits had decreased and this coincided with an increase in the number of flu cases over the winter period.
- The Committee noted that the Cancer 31 Day waiting times position had reported an improvement and was above the national target. There had been a slight improvement in Cancer 62 Day waiting times on the previous position, but overall performance remained challenging due to the continued increase in Urgent Suspicion of Cancer (USOC) referrals.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.3 Financial Monitoring Report

- The paper was presented to the Committee for assurance and outlined the month 8 financial position for Acute Services.
- The Committee noted that as at 30 November 2024, the Acute Services finance ledger was reporting a deficit of £54.6 million - unachieved savings totalling £32.1 million; pay pressures £8.7 million over budget; and non-pay pressures £13.7 million over budget.
- The Committee noted the actions underway to mitigate further overspend.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.4 Planned Care Update

- The Committee received a presentation for assurance.
- The Committee noted the current outpatient waiting list position and were provided with an overview of those specialties that were particularly challenged including gynaecology, general surgery, urology and ENT.
- The Committee were also advised of the actions that were being taken to make improvements these areas.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.5 Cancer Performance Review and USOC Referral review

- The Committee received a presentation for assurance.
- The Committee were advised that the increase in USOC referrals continued noting the areas that were most challenged, particularly urology and colorectal cancer. The Committee noted that this was in line with the national position and these challenges were recognised by all Boards.
- The Committee noted the actions that were underway to improve the position and the ongoing work nationally to learn from best practice in other Boards.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.6 A&E Survey Update

- The Committee received a presentation for assurance.
- The Committee noted the key findings from the recent survey of patients attending A&E.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.7 Extract from Corporate Risk Register

- The paper was presented to the Committee for approval.
- The Committee considered the three risks aligned to the Committee and noted the proposed reduction to the risk score for Unscheduled Care following the recent review.
- The Committee were content to approve the Corporate Risk Register with the proviso that the timing of the proposed change to the Unscheduled Care score be reviewed.

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 11 March 2025.