

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 24/62
Paper Title	Standing Committee Chairs Board Report
Meeting:	NHSGGC Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	25 June 2024
Purpose of Paper:	Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Name of Reporting Committee:	Acute Services Committee
Date of Reporting Committee:	7 May 2024
Committee Chairperson:	Mr Ian Ritchie

1. Purpose of Paper:

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at NHS GGC 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 Tuesday 7 May 2024 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

3.1 Acute Update

- Verbal update provided for Awareness
- The Committee noted that pressure in relation to occupancy rates remained ongoing.
- The Committee noted that as at 8th April 2024, 69 additional beds were closed.
- The Committee noted that Unscheduled Care was slightly above the national average, however was in line with other larger Boards.

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- The Planned Care Programme continued to be delivered.
- The Committee were assured that Acute Services continue to work efficiently and effectively, recognising the current pressures.

3.2 Royal Hospital for Children Front Door Visit

- Paper provided for awareness
- The paper provided an update on the site visit by members of the Committee to front door services at the Royal Hospital for Children.
- The Committee noted the visit was positive and the staff were commended for the compassionate care provided.
- The Committee were content to note the report.

3.3 Acute Services Integrated Performance Report

- Paper provided for Assurance
- The Committee received a summary of performance against the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) outlined in the Acute Performance Assurance Framework.
- The Committee noted that performance in relation to New Outpatient, TTG, and Endoscopy activity was exceeding the planned position for the period April - March 2024. Imaging activity was also exceeding the year end planned position.
- The March 2024 Cancer 31 Day waiting times position saw an increase on the previous month, increasing from 94.1% in February 2024 to 95.1% in March 2024. This met the national target of 95%.
- The Committee noted some key areas of improvement which included inpatient/daycase patients waiting >52 weeks, compliance with A&E four hour waits, performance in relation to the Cancer 62 Day Waiting Times and continuing to decrease sickness absence. The Committee noted the significant increase in USOC referrals continued to affect the statistics for the Cancer 62 Day Waiting Time target.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.3 Financial Monitoring Report

- Paper provided for Assurance.
- The Committee received the Month 12 2023/24 financial position for Acute, including the position of the Sustainability and Value Programme.
- The Committee noted that as at the 31st March 2024, Acute Services finance ledger reported a deficit of £62.3m
- The Committee noted unachieved savings for Month 12 totalled £30.3m, pay pressures of £14.5m and non pay pressures of £17.5m.
- The Committee noted that the year end outturn was slightly better than the forecast for 2023/24.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.4 Financial Overview of Medical and Nursing Controls

- The Committee received a presentation to provide an update on Medical and Nursing Salary spend.
- The Committee noted the Position across Medical and Nursing Salaries remains challenging and noted the actions that had been taken to address this.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.5 Committee Annual Report

- Paper presented for approval.
- The report summarised the activity of the Committee during 2023/24.
- The Committee were content to approve the paper.

3.6 Extract from the Corporate Risk Register

- Paper provided for approval.
- The Committee considered the three risks aligned to the Committee and noted that the risk scores remained static for the reporting period, with no proposed changes to risk scores.
- 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, 9 July 2024.