

**Borders NHS Board****CHAIR AND NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT****Aim**

To update the Board on the recent activities undertaken by the Non Executive Directors.

**Committee Meetings and Events:** The following committee meetings and events have taken place.

<b>7 December:</b>	Staff Governance Committee
<b>14 December:</b>	Audit Committee
<b>20 December:</b>	Public Governance Committee
<b>11 January:</b>	Endowment Advisory Group
<b>13 January:</b>	CH&CP
<b>24 January:</b>	Endowment Committee

**John Raine: National Chairs:** Integration of Health and Social Care and the Scottish Government announcement the previous week was the main focus of discussion at the NHS Chairs meeting with the Cabinet Secretary on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Chairs have welcomed the fact of no imposed structural reorganisation and, within a broad framework for integration, local leaders having freedom to decide upon delivery mechanisms and structures that best suit local needs and priorities.

Cabinet Secretary said the changes represented a radical reform. She wished to avoid the pitfalls of centrally directed and large scale structural reorganisation and staff transfers, recognising that changes in structures and staffing worked best when agreed locally. The next steps will be consultation; discussions to determine national outcomes; work to describe and outline the agenda for strategic joint commissioning; a working group to scope options for integrated budgets. A Bill preceding legislation will follow consultation. The Borders CHCP, meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January, and considering how best to take forward the agenda, has tasked Chief Executives to come forward with recommendations to the next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

NHS Chairs now have a new `chair of chairs` in Charles Winstanley (Lothian), taking over from Bill Stevely (Ayr).

**Secretary of State:** I accompanied Michael Moore, Secretary of State for Scotland, who, with his wife, paid a pre-Christmas visit to BGH to meet staff in a number of wards and to see the plans for the proposed Margaret Kerr Unit.

**Editors:** I am meeting local editors together with Calum, supported by Shona Cameron. The first meetings took place on January 9<sup>th</sup> with the editor and deputy editor of the Southern Reporter and the editor of the Hawick News. The aim is to consolidate relationships, seek ways on a planned basis to keep local news media informed of positive events, and to discuss any concerns that editors might have in day to day relationships with NHS Borders.

**Child Protection:** The Care Inspectorate inspection of multi agency child protection arrangements concluded in December with a final report that acknowledged good progress being made across the agencies: NHS Borders, SBC, the Police, Reporters Administration and voluntary sectors. In a subsequent letter to me (as chair of Child Protection Committee) Aileen Campbell, Minister for Children and Young People, noted “positive improvements in service provision” and was pleased to note that the Inspectorate had identified three examples of good practice that were making a difference to children and families in Scottish Borders. She was particularly impressed by the Addaction Family Service which was improving the lives of children affected by parental substance misuse. I shall now be standing down from my role as Child Protection chair.

**Pat Alexander:** I attended a meeting of the Non Executive Directors Network on behalf of David Davidson on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at Victoria Quay Edinburgh.

The purpose of the meeting was for members of the Healthcare Improvement Directorate and Quality Division to discuss with non-execs the setting up of a website for non-execs as part of the network. Only three non execs. In addition to myself attended, from Fife, Greater Glasgow, and the Chair of the SAS.

General consensus was that a website would be helpful subject to issues around access, confidentiality etc. There was some discussion of possible content in a workshop setting.

There will be further discussion in a non-execs meeting to be held during the Board on Boards event in February.

Paper copies of the Proposal for the Development of the Network were tabled together with the draft agenda for the Board on Boards event.

## Recommendation

The Board is asked to **note** the report.

<b>Policy/Strategy Implications</b>	Not Applicable.
<b>Consultation</b>	Not Applicable.
<b>Consultation with Professional Committees</b>	Not Applicable.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Not Applicable.
<b>Compliance with Board Policy requirements on Equality and Diversity</b>	Compliant

<b>Resource/Staffing Implications</b>	Not Applicable.
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