

Borders NHS Board



BOARD EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORT – September 2009

Aim

To inform the Board of events, activities and issues raised during September 2009.

Report

1. NATIONAL ISSUES

1.1 Borders the exception to Scotland's alcohol related death statistics

The Scottish Government released alcohol-related death statistics for Scotland last week. Figures for every health board in Scotland except for the Borders were higher than the national average (100%). Figures for NHS Borders showed the area was 60% of the UK average. The next lowest was Dumfries and Galloway at 119%. Greater Glasgow and Clyde topped the table with 267% of the national average.

2. LOCAL ISSUES

2.1 Minister officially unveiled Dental Centre as part of Annual Review

Minister for Public Health Shona Robison officially opened Coldstream Dental Centre on September 15, 2009. The visit took place shortly before she visited Berwickshire High School to chair NHS Borders' Annual Review. As part of the Annual Review she also met with the Chair and Chief Executive as well as the Area Partnership Forum, Area Clinical Forum and spoke with patient representatives at a Patient Engagement meeting.

2.2 European Working Time Directives

Redesigned rotas have been implemented from 4 August 2009 to ensure WTR compliance for all services. Compliance will be tested in practice by hours monitoring exercises over the next few weeks.

Contingencies have been required to take account of the vacancies or a mismatch in trainee experience. This has involved mainly using agency locums or Consultants resident on call. Compliance has been retained but this has resulted in an unexpected cost pressure. Vulnerable rotas include Anaesthetics, Paediatrics and the Medicine Hospital at Night Team Leader.

Longer term workforce planning is being undertaken by the Medical Workforce Board in the Reshaping Medical Workforce return due to be submitted by the end of September. Service plans will have a lesser reliance on trainees given the reduction in their numbers by 40% in 2012.

2.3 Revised BI Trajectories

The Scottish Government requires alcohol brief interventions (BI) to be delivered in the priority settings of primary care, A&E and antenatal care, achieving an accumulative target in the Borders of 3,210 over 3 years.

Delivery of over 2008/9 was below the trajectory of 500 as a result of a number of problems: delays in negotiating a Local Enhanced Service in primary care; an inability to recruit into a new training/co-coordinating post; and difficulties accessing the national training programme to create local trainers. Implementation of BI in the other priority settings (A&E and antenatal care) is being finalised. Staff will access training over September/October, negotiations to enable IT solutions are in progress, although accommodation for the delivery of BIs has yet to be identified.

It has therefore been necessary to revise the trajectories to reduce the risk by spreading the underperformance in year 1 across years two and three.

Year	Original Trajectory	Revised trajectory
2008/9	500	211 (Actual)
2009/10	1500	1644
2011/12	1210	1,355
Total	3,210	3,210

2.4 Borders Bowel Screening Programme

From 1 November 2009 the Borders Bowel Cancer Screening Programme will invite all men and women between the ages of 50 and 74 years who are registered with a GP. Other eligible individuals who are not registered with a General Practice such as prisoners, armed forces, homeless and individuals in long-stay institutions will also be able to participate.

All Borders men and women aged between 50 and 74 will receive a Faecal Occult Blood test (FOBT) kit by post to their home address. The kit is completed at home and returned to the national Bowel Screening Centre for Scotland, which is based in Dundee at King's Cross Hospital.

The centre tests all the completed screening kits and then notifies:

- all participants of their results
- all GP practices of positive FOBT results
- NHS Borders of positive results requiring further investigations.

If the overall result of screening is positive, then the individual will be referred to the Borders General Hospital for further assessment and may be offered a colonoscopy, if appropriate.

Information has already been sent out to relevant health professionals and a local public awareness raising campaign is planned for October.

2.5 Your Health Our Future Update

The programme of first conversations and engagement with a range of internal and external groups for *Your Health Our Future* is progressing well. The main messages contained in the short presentation are about the *Strategic Change Programme, Case for Change*, which was presented to the Board in July 2009. Further details on the content and progress of the Your Health Our Future engagement programme are available from Karen McNicoll, Head of Public Involvement & Communications.

2.6 Transforming Older People's Service Update

The period of public engagement on the Transforming Older People's Services Review will end on October 5, 2009. The review has been undertaken through a partnership approach between Scottish Borders Council, NHS Borders and the Voluntary Sector and has also involved housing providers. The Primary and Community Care Partnership has been the Programme Board overseeing this review. Borders Health Board considered the TOPS Review Report at its meeting on August 6th 2009.

Following completion of the first stage of the review, the proposals from the review became the subject of a period of public engagement which runs for 12 weeks until October 5, 2009. A number of public and staff meetings have been arranged through August and September which will be open to employees of both NHS Borders and SBC. The feedback from this engagement process will inform the final proposals which will be considered by Council in December 2009.

2.7 Exercise Tweedflu

About 70 staff from across NHS Borders were involved in the Business Continuity Exercise Tweedflu on September 6 and many lessons were learnt during the day. Following receipt of the first output from the day, these lessons will be picked up and any review processes deemed necessary will be carried out.

2.8 Mental Health ICPs Foundation Level Accreditation

NHS Borders has successfully achieved foundation level accreditation for ICPs. Feedback from the accreditation panel stated the panel was impressed by the quality of the submission and commended the work already undertaken by NHS Boards to develop integrated ICPs in mental health.

2.9 Healthy Living Award

The NHS Borders Catering Department has achieved the Healthy Living Award for the Dining Room at the Knoll Hospital. This national award is in recognition of providing and promoting a wide range of healthier food using healthier ingredients and cooking methods.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to **note** this report

Policy/Strategy Implications	Policy/strategy implications will be addressed in the management of any actions resulting from these. events, activities and issues
Consultation	Board Executive Team

Consultation with Professional Committees	None
Risk Assessment	Risk assessment will be addressed in the management of any actions resulting from these. events, activities and issues
Compliance with Board Policy requirements on Equality and Diversity	Compliant
Resource/Staffing Implications	Resource/staffing implications will be addressed in the management of any actions resulting from these events, activities and issues

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