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NSS Formal Board Meeting – Thursday 29 June 2017

Chair's Update

This is a summary of my activities since April 2017. It has been a period when NSS reviews its performance - financial, service and workforce against the agreed LDP with Scottish Government. All the sub committees have met and reviewed their annual reports (held within today's papers) and there has been a Clinical Governance development session (Julie Burgess will give update) and an IG forum meeting for staff.

The NSS EMT, and especially Andy Robertson and his team, responded with professionalism and agility to the Ransomware attack in May and Andy gave evidence at the Health and Sport committee on 20.6.17. A board discussion will be held today about this.

I am delighted to welcome Alison Rooney and Jane Davidson to the Board as Non-Executive Directors. Both of them have been appointed by the Cabinet Secretary for a 4 year term following a robust appointment round.

Our development session (May 2017) explored the progress and shared learning of the National Shared Service Programme and I met with the PgMS team following this meeting. We also had a discussion with Audit Scotland present about public sector governance.

I took part in a formal meeting with CEO and Mark McDavid as Chair of the Audit committee as agreed. This will be a 6 monthly meeting.

I met with the CEO to review his end of year performance and grandparented his direct reports appraisals. I also reviewed the performance of Professor Bain for her time as interim CEO.

I attended the Scotblood conference at Stirling University.s

I will have met with OD staff to review the NSS Excellence awards process.

National:

There have been 2 meetings of the National Delivery Plan Programme Board since April and a subsequent discussion between DG Health and Social Care and some Chairs and CEOs about interlinkages and governance between this board; NHS Chairs, CEOs, Ministerial Strategy Group for Integration and the Health and Social Care Management Board.

I have stood down as Vice-Chair of the NHS Chairs group after serving 2 years.

I am part of the CMO's task force for improving services for those affected by rape and sexual abuse in Scotland. I am working with the Keep Safe network hosted within PCF.

I have attended the NHS Scotland event.

Finally, we have had notification from Andrew Scott giving more details about the establishment of the new Public Health body in Scotland and I would like to engage the Board in this discussion. At the time of writing this report I am waiting for a paper from Andrew explaining the rationale for the decisions made.

Finally I would like to thank Colin Sinclair and his team for continuing to deliver through this busy period. Also recognition and thanks to the Board secretariat for their ongoing support.

Professor E Ireland
NSS Chair
22 June 2017