



CLINICAL AND CARE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 18 June 2024. Minute of Meeting of the CLINICAL AND CARE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE. Present:- Mark Burrell Chairperson; and Councillors Christian Allard and Jennifer Bonsell.

In attendance:- Caroline Howarth, Claire Wilson, Sophie Beier, Rachael Little, Jane Gibson, Julie Warrender and Mark Masson (Clerk).

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WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1. The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Professor Bhatti, Lynn Morrison, Shona Omand-Smith and Graeme Simpson.

The Chairperson advised that Professor Bhatti had resigned from NHS Grampian Board and had taken up a new role in University of Aberdeen, therefore he would be stepping down as an IJB member on the Committee.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

2. There were no declarations of interest or transparency statements intimated.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 27 FEBRUARY 2024, FOR APPROVAL

3. The Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 31 October 2023, for approval.

The Chairperson made reference to article 3 of the minute relating to Abortion Care For Patients in Moray, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire, and advised that he had still to receive a response from his counterpart in Moray IJB seeking assurance that a clear governance process would be established for abortion care services across Grampian.

Caroline Howarth indicated that she had contacted the Gynaecology Abortion Lead who had provided an update in this regard, advising that:-

- the majority of women were having early medical abortions at home, with 10-15% of women required to travel to the Health Village or Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (ARI) for in-patient medical terminations;

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- patients were required to self refer to the Health Village, then they would receive a video/telephone consultation with one of the Sexual Health Doctors to determine the correct pathway;
- if patients required a scan, four radiology scan slots per week were available at Dr Gray's hospital;
- Dr Gray's Pharmacy had agreed to supply the home termination packs and that would go live in July 2024; and
- further discussions relating to in-patient medical terminations were being held with the new part-time Consultant Paediatrician who started in April 2024.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve the minute;
- (ii) to note the information provided in relation to Abortion Care Services in Moray; and
- (iii) to note that the Chairperson would prompt his counterpart in Moray IJB for a response to his letter.

BUSINESS PLANNER

4. The Committee had before it their Business Planner for consideration.

Caroline Howarth advised that discussions would be held at the Joint Clinical and Care Governance (Group/Committee) meeting this afternoon, regarding the risks which the partnership were facing, which may generate more detailed reports being submitted to the Committee in future.

The Committee resolved:-

to note the planner.

CCG GROUP MONITORING REPORT - UPDATE - HSCP24.044

5. The Committee had before it a report by Caroline Howarth and Sophie Beier which presented data and information to provide assurance that operational activities were being delivered and monitored effectively and that patients, staff and the public were being kept safe whilst receiving high quality service from Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership (ACHSCP). The full sector reports were appended to the report.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee note the contents of the report and provide comments and observations on the information contained within the report and in appendices A and B.

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Caroline Howarth provided an overview of the report, making reference to the new report format and a new sector report from the hosted in-patient mental health sector, which was a welcome addition.

Caroline advised:-

- that there was a 2.9% increase in adverse events, mainly due to people getting better at reporting them;
- that there was an increase in reporting abusive behaviour, particularly in frailty;
- that most of the risks identified in the Risk Register, which was also attached, were associated with financial constraints, recruitment difficulties and delays;
- that there was an ongoing issue relating to staff wellbeing and workload;
- that seven risks were downgraded; and
- that two risks had increased and related to the provision of the 24 hour/7 days a week complex care packages and provider fragility due to the Care Inspectorate grades and large scale investigations.

During discussion it was acknowledged that consistency was required in relation to the terminology around Primary Care GP 'Closed Lists', referring to these as 'informally managed lists' instead.

Caroline responded to questions relating to Pharmacy staffing levels and priorities regarding Pharmacy maternity/paternity leave.

In response to a question by the Chairperson relating to the issues surrounding duty of candour in the Care Home System, specifically the poor documentation and communication outlined within the report, Claire Wilson advised that a report would be submitted to this Committee regarding details pertaining to ongoing Large Scale Investigations and also details relating to an increase in Case Learning Reviews.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to note that a report on Learning Reviews would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee in October 2024; and
- (ii) to otherwise note the report.

LONG COVID PROJECT IN NHS GRAMPIAN - HSCP24.045

6. With reference to article 6 of the minute of meeting of 18 April 2023, the Committee had before it a report by Carrie Stephen, Programmes Lead and Lynn Morrison, Lead for Allied Health Professions and Specialist Rehabilitation Services which provided an update on the status of the Long COVID Project in NHS Grampian.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee note the updates provided in the report.

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The report (a) made reference to the temporary funding allocated to NHS Grampian by the Scottish Government to develop pathways of care to support those living with Long Covid; (b) advised that the level of funding available and the temporary nature of it impacted on what could be achieved in that time period and there was an expectation from the Scottish Government to have clear exit plans for sustainable pathways at the end of the three year funding commitment; (c) provided details on the Long Covid pathway for adults which went live in October 2023 indicating that 136 referrals had been received; (d) indicated that the children and young people's pathway went live in March 2024, although data was not yet available; (e) explained that local and national governance was being reviewed for 2024/25 to ensure transition to operational business was usual where appropriate; and (f) advised that priorities for 2024/25 were the data and evaluation workstream, and developing exit strategies given there was no funding confirmed beyond March 2025.

Carrie Stephen provided a summary of the report and responded to questions from members.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to note that Carrie Stephen would endeavour to circulate details relating to the average length of stay on the long covid pathway, the number of people discharged and whether there was capacity for taking new people; and
- (ii) to otherwise approve the recommendation contained within the report.

ITEMS WHERE ESCALATION TO IJB IS REQUIRED

7. The Committee considered whether any items required escalation to the IJB.

The Committee resolved:-

that no items be escalated to the IJB; and

- **MARK BURRELL, Chairperson**