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**NHS WESTERN ISLES**

Area Clinical Forum Meeting

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

11.00 – 12.00

Via Microsoft Teams

Member Present:

**Dr Dave Rigby – Chair (Chair ADTC); Karen France (Chair of Allied Health Professions Committee); Dr Maggie Watts; Dr Frank McAuley; Rosemary MacRitchie;**

**Apologies: Dr Lise Hertel; Dana Murray (Employee Director); Natalie Bowling (Chair of the Area Pharmaceutical Committee); Joel Briggs; Mr Sridhar Kalvakuntla (Area Dental Committee); Mr Ian Rough (Area Optical Committee); Dr Brian Michie (Interim Chair of Area Medical Committee)**

**Miss Ann McHale – Admin Support**

Point	Discussion	Action
<b>1. Welcome/Apologies</b>	Apologies were received from Dana Murray and Natalie Bowling	
<b>2. Intimation of AOCB</b>	There were no items raised	
<b>3. Approval of minute of 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>	These were reviewed and accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.	
<b>4. Matters Arising</b>	There were no matters arising that are not covered within the agenda.	
<b>5. Sub-Committee Updates:</b>		

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<b>a. Allied Health Professions Committee</b>	Karen updated the meeting advising that there was nothing really to update, service is just about getting back to normal, and staffing is still an issue particularly in podiatry. Recruitment is an ongoing issue in delivering services.	
<b>b. Area Pharmaceutical Committee</b>	No update at this time	
<b>c. Area Nursing and Midwifery Consultative Committee</b>	Rosemary advised that ANAMAC had still not met, there were no new issues or concerns; staffing is still an issue. Rosemary also advised that there were a lot of staff covering CTAC and things are going really well.	
<b>d. Area Dental Committee</b>	There was no update	
<b>e. Area Medical Committee</b>	There was no update	
<b>f. Biochemistry Committee</b>	There was no update	
<b>g. Staff Side Update</b>	There was no update	
<b>h. Digital Health and Care Board</b>	<p>Maggie advised that the next Digital Health and Care Board meeting is being held on Wednesday; Maggie also advised that Darren Smith is leading on the projects; hospital side is progressing well, there have been a few issues but we are moving on with these. Langabhat and Group Practices have been pushed back a little. DHCB is the place to go to get things done.</p> <p>The remote working issue has not yet been resolved; work is still ongoing with this. We are working closely with other Boards to see what they are doing. Everything being on the same server may be the answer but we need to investigate this.</p>	

	<p>Frank mentioned the importance to having IT systems and healthcare in one place to go to ensure everything is considered in their entirety and under one department. This is a significant issue not just on the Western Isles we are so dependent non-clinical systems and we need to consider this.</p> <p>Frank highlighted an example with regard to HEPMA in a 500 bed GH would have a band 6 and a part time band 4 working solely on this working day to day.</p> <p>There is a cost with the ongoing maintenance of systems and this would belong to the systems that use digital strategy is a project that Maggie is currently working on.</p> <p>Karen mentioned that the Morse is an amazing system and having Darren taking the lead on this they have been able to see a definite improvement.</p> <p>Maggie advised that we have new enthusiastic members of the team each bringing with them new skills.</p> <p>Dave agreed with the comments made that this is not an IT Department problem it is a much wider concern.</p> <p>Maggie said that they are looking at all the systems we have and what their life spans are; for example Topas what do we want to do with this; we need to look at all the systems that we are using and we need to decide what do we want to do with these and how do we take this forward.</p>	
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	<p>Maggie advised that they were going out to advert again for another Project Manager to take this forward. We want to have a clinical member who can take things forward, there are many clinical aspects that need to link in with the staff on the wards and community; this way we will have staff ownership and leadership. Maggie mentioned that as an organisation we certainly miss having Dominic here, although he was not an IT clinician he did have an interest and expertise in digital healthcare systems; he is most definitely missed with what he brought to the organisation.</p> <p>Maggie is keen to take someone on who does have the IT expertise but also clinical understanding.</p> <p>Karen mentioned the Digital Health Leadership Programme that she had completed many years ago but how beneficial it was and we should be promoting this.</p>	
<b>i. Area Optical Committee</b>	There was no update; Dave advised that unfortunately he had not yet managed to arrange a meeting with himself, Ian Rough and Michelle Taylor to talk about ophthalmology referrals and patient pathways.	
<b>6. Items to be taken to next Board Meeting</b>	Dave advised that as there had not been a Board Meeting since the previous meeting he would highlight Ophthalmology and Dental at the next Board meeting	
<b>7. Correspondence</b>	There were no items.	
<b>8. AOCB</b>	There were no items	

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9. Date and time for next meeting	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 11am on MS Teams	
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