

Board Meeting 30.11.22  
Agenda Item: 10.2.1  
Purpose: Awareness

**NHS WESTERN ISLES**

Area Clinical Forum Meeting

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022

11.00 – 12.00

Via Microsoft Teams

Member Present:

**Dr Dave Rigby – Chair (Chair ADTC); Karen France Macleod (Chair of Allied Health Professions Committee); Joel Briggs (Biochemistry Committee); Dana Murray (Employee Director); Dr Frank McAuley; Dr Maggie Watts;**

**Apologies: Dr Brian Michie (Interim Chair Area Medical Committee); Natalie Bowling (Chair Area Pharmaceutical Committee); Dr Lise Hertel;**

**Miss Ann McHale – Admin Support**

Point	Discussion	Action
<b>1. Welcome/Apologies</b>	Apologies were received from Brian Michie and Natalie Bowling	
<b>2. Intimation of AOCB</b>	No items were raised	
<b>3. Approval of minute of 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting	
<b>4. Matters Arising</b>	Any Matters Arising would be dealt with within the agenda.	
<b>5. Sub-Committee Updates:</b>		
<b>a. Allied Health Professions Committee</b>	Karen advised that the Allied Health Professions Committee had met recently, although there was very little to share in terms of	

	<p>updates; Fiona Mackenzie attend their meeting and did update on a couple of issues.</p> <p>Karen advised that OT have new staff, locums and maternity cover, we are currently updating the AHP information on the website and making the services more visible to public trying to promote self-referrals. There has not been too many meetings throughout the summer.</p> <p>Dave asked how staffing was in podiatry, Karen said that they were still struggling; Dave said that there are a few private podiatrists on the island.</p> <p>Dana said that there is not actually that many private podiatrists on the island, our podiatrists are dealing with the very complex cases and their main aim is to keep the patients out of hospital; Dana mentioned that there is a shortage of podiatrists nationally and the aim is to keep patient out of the hospital.</p> <p>Dave said that he felt the podiatrists were doing an amazing job of keeping the patients out of the hospitals, as are all the other departments within AHP.</p> <p>Karen mentioned that there is a shortfall of students coming through for dietetics this year.</p>	
<b>b. Area Pharmaceutical Committee</b>	<p>Nothing to update at this meeting.</p> <p>Dave mentioned that there had been some staff movement within Primary Care, although nothing really for the hospital pharmacy team.</p>	

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	<p>Frank mentioned that there are staff vacancies and there has been no response to recent adverts.</p> <p>Dave noted there are now 6 primary care pharmacy staff within Primary Care, which obviously thins the pool of available staff in each area.</p>	
<b>c. Area Nursing and Midwifery Consultative Committee</b>	<p>There was no update for the meeting</p>	
<b>d. Area Dental Committee</b>	<p>There was no update for the meeting</p>	
<b>e. Area Medical Committee</b>	<p>Dave advised that there was no update from Brian, although work has started on Mental Health and Wellbeing within Primary Care; Mike Hutchison and Nick Fayers are working together with regard to recurring monies to get a team based care within Primary Care.</p> <p>Frank mentioned the money for Primary Care and that the Scottish Government will not be allowing a carry forward of underspend.</p> <p>Frank also advised that Dr Mark Willcox has resigned from his post at Senior Partner at the Castlebay Medical Practice, which will take effect from midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August.</p> <p>Castlebay Medical Practice will be become part of the NHS Western Isles Health Board portfolio there is much work going on over the next few months, particularly with regard to the purchasing medicines etc. everything seems on target for a smooth transition.</p>	

	<p>Michelle Taylor has almost taken up residence on Barra to manage the transition and, Diane MacDonald and Lena Morrison from HR have both been down on Barra to assist in the transition with staffing.</p> <p>Frank expressed his best wishes to Mark and his family for their future endeavours.</p> <p>Frank also advised that we currently have the rosters filled for St Brendan's and Castlebay until January 2023. Frank also advised that there should be no change to the deployment of healthcare on Barra as we move from an independent medical practice to C2 practice.</p> <p>Karen asked whether this is common knowledge for Barra. Frank responded that this had been well communicated.</p>	
<b>f. Biochemistry Committee</b>	<p>Joel was very excited to share his presentation regarding the current projects and the proposals for the future of the laboratory.</p> <p>Joel mentioned that a meeting with Roche had taken place last week, which was very positive in terms of the services that we would be able to offer to patients considerably reducing the time for results thereby improving patient care.</p> <p>There has been considerable work going on and is pleased to advise how well these are progressing.</p> <p>The point of care testing will be rolled out to Uist and Barra and St Brendan's so that these will be aligned with the equipment that is being used in WIH.</p>	

	<p>By using Roche, there will be a more streamlined approach to purchasing and invoicing, there will be regular monthly meetings to ensure that everything is running smoothly and update on any areas of concern.</p> <p>Joel also mentioned the cost savings that could be realised; there will be benefits with regard to stock management and training packages available.</p> <p>Joel then showed the intended changes to the laboratory floorplans, making the area much more person friendly environment to work in and reduction in waste.</p> <p>There will be improved reagent stability for biochemistry thereby reducing waste. Further investments will include blood culture PCR testing; CSF testing will be able to be carried out in-house rather than sending to Raigmore. Joint fluids is another area that we could do in-house.</p> <p>Digital Microscope Blood films is another exciting area that would benefit patients with quicker diagnosis and treatment.</p> <p>Joel said that there will be some IT changes that will be required, Joel highlighted the current pathway for anaemia of chronic disease and then showed the potential new pathway saving time, which would be around a 3-4 hour turnaround compared to a 3-4 weeks turnaround when sent off island. There is still some work to be done on this.</p> <p>Joel then showed the proposed timeline for the plans, this needs to go to the Board hopefully by December for approval; providing approval is given building works will take us up to the end of 2023 when we would have the new laboratory space.</p>	
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	<p>The start of 2024 is the start for the new LIMS installation, this will be another major piece of work and have allowed one year for this.</p> <p>There will be a lot of work to be carried out by IT to get everything up and running.</p> <p>Joel said that one of the main challenges would be retaining services during the works being carried out; staffing is always an issue; we have 4 locums that we will be losing over the next few weeks due to reduced Covid testing, they will no longer be required.</p> <p>Dave thanked Joel for the presentation, saying it is a very ambitious plan but also really exciting.</p> <p>Frank said that there is always an options strategy here, option 1 is doing nothing – not really an option. Option 2 we buy everything, which again is not really an option, and then Option 3, which is what is being suggested.</p> <p>Dave asked if Maggie wanted to add anything in terms of IT; Maggie advised that on a positive note we are just about to recruit to fill the Project Manager post within Digital, which will take some pressure off Joel.</p> <p>Maggie asked about accreditation of the Lab, Joel said it will not solve full accreditation but will mean we are a lot closer than we currently are.</p>	
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	<p>Dave said it would be good to share this presentation with the Remobilisation Group however due to time constraints Joel would need really just to deliver the summary highlights.</p> <p>Joel mentioned that these plans have now be shared with his team and they are all really excited and looking forward to getting started.</p>	<b>Dave to speak with Joel regarding delivery of his presentation to the Remobilisation Group</b>
<b>g. Digital Health and Care Board</b>	<p>Maggie advised that the Digital Health and Care Board is not a Committee that would normally update the Area Clinical Forum.</p> <p>Dave asked that the Digital Health and Care Board be removed from future meetings.</p> <p>Maggie did advised that the roll out of 365 and windows 10 is going well, the team were down at the Uists last week and also the GP practices are being upgraded.</p> <p>Maggie also advised that there are currently two vacancies within the team.</p>	
<b>h. Area Optical Committee</b>	<p>There was no update for this meeting</p>	
<b>6. Items to be taken to next Board Meeting</b>	<p>Dave mentioned that he suspected that Barra would probably already be on the Board Agenda for tomorrow.</p> <p>Dave asked whether the Laboratory Plans could be mentioned at the Board Meeting, Frank advised that although the Executive Team were aware of the plans, the non-executive team were not. It was important that Joel spoke with his team regarding the proposals first before they were shared to the wider audience.</p>	

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<b>7. Correspondence</b>	No correspondence had been received	
<b>8. AOCB</b>	There were no items for discussion	
<b>9. Date and time for next meeting</b>	Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 11am	