

**MENTAL WELFARE COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND  
MEETING OF THE BOARD  
ON TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2016  
IN CONFERENCE ROOM, THISTLE HOUSE, EDINBURGH  
AT 10.30AM**

**Present:**

The Very Rev'd Dr Graham Forbes CBE  
Mr Norman Dunning  
Mrs Elaine Noad  
Mr Paul Dumbleton  
Dr Sivasankaran Sashidharan  
Ms Lesley Smith  
Mrs Safaa Baxter

**In Attendance:**

Mr Colin McKay, Chief Executive  
Ms Alison McRae, Head of Corporate Services  
Dr Gary Morrison, Executive Director (Medical)  
Mr Mike Diamond, Executive Director (Social Work)  
Ms Kate Fearnley – Executive Director – Engagement and Participation

**Secretary:** Mrs Alice Wallace, Finance Manager

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr Nigel Henderson and Mrs Alison Thomson, Executive Director (Nursing).

**2. Announcements**

None

**3. Minutes of Board meeting held on 13 September 2016 (Paper)**

Approved

**4. CEO Update**

**Meeting with Minister.** Mr McKay advised the Board that he and the Chair, Graham Forbes, had met the Minister on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**Scottish Government's Mental Health Strategy.** Mr McKay updated the Board on the consultation of the mental health strategy which has not been well received in the field. He advised that he will be participating in a round table discussion on the strategy before the Health and Sport Committee on 22nd November. The Government is still committed to publishing by end of the year.

**Law reform.** The Commission and SCLD have submitted a report to Scottish Government on the scoping study on how to conduct the review of learning disability and autism in the 2003 Act, and await a response. A successful workshop was held in October on our ideas about graded guardianship in AWI, which have attracted general support. Two more seminars scheduled in November and December run jointly with Napier University.

The **Engagement Forum** will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November with just over 60 attendees confirmed.

Mr McKay advised that the **Supported decision making guide** had been published and the initial response was favourable.

The **patients' rights pathway** is in draft form and will be supported with good practice guidance.

The **Monitoring reports on MHA, AWI and young people in adult wards** have been published. There has been good media coverage, especially on the rise in detentions.

**EDC and MHO consents.** Mr McKay advised that the Commission is awaiting a letter to be sent from the Scottish Government to the areas with lowest numbers of EDC consents. The Commission will also follow up its end of year meetings with health boards and local authorities.

**The adult acute and homelessness visits** have been completed and are being analysed with reports due to be presented to March Board.

**The forensic visits** are now underway. Also keeping eye on excessive security issue and whether appeal rights are working effectively.

The **staff away day** was happening on 15th November to engage and inform on the strategic plan which will also be discussed at the December Board.

**Perinatal Report.** Dr Morrison advised the Board that Dr Brock presented the perinatal report to a conference in Melbourne, Australia where it was well received. Dr Brock was also going to present the report in London the following week.

**End of Year meetings.** Mr McKay made a last call to Board members interested in attending one of the forthcoming meetings.

## **5. Items for discussion and/or approval**

### *5.1 Business Plan Quarterly Report (Paper)*

The Board considered and noted the report.

### *5.2 Board Self-Assessment (Paper)*

Ms McRae presented final version for approval. It was agreed that it would be useful to complete this in March 2016 to allow outgoing members to complete.

The Board approved the new self -assessment form.

### *5.3 Chief Executive's Objectives – Mid-year Update (Paper)*

Mr McKay invited further comment.

The Board were content.

### *5.4 Corporate Parenting Plan (Paper)*

Mr McKay led a discussion around the plan and it was agreed that Mr McKay would follow up a query around the inclusion of private hospital data.  
The Board approved the plan subject to amendments above.

### *5.5 Records Management Policy (Paper)*

Ms McRae advised that the policy had not changed much but there were updates to some of the NCF content following a recent meeting with National Records.

The policy was approved.

### *5.6 Financial Review (Paper)*

The paper was noted.

### *5.7 Revised Budget 2016/17 (Paper)*

The Board approved the revised budget.

## **6. Items for Information**

### *6.1 Advisory Committee Note of Meeting (Paper)*

The paper was noted.

### *6.2 Response to SG on Cross Border Transfer – Consultation (Paper)*

The paper was noted.

**7. Any Other Business**

*7.1 Letter to SG - Mental Welfare Commission Visits to the Priory Hospital Glasgow and Huntercombe Hospital, West Lothian*

The Board considered the letter sent by the Commission to the Scottish Government.

It was agreed that Mr McKay would undertake further investigation of this situation.

**8. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 13 December 2015**