

**MENTAL WELFARE COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
ON TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016
IN CONFERENCE ROOM, THISTLE HOUSE, EDINBURGH
AT 10.30AM**

Present:

The Very Rev'd Dr Graham Forbes CBE
Mr Norman Dunning
Mr Nigel Henderson
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)
Mrs Alison Thomson, Executive Director (Nursing)
Mr Mike Diamond, Executive Director (Social Work)
Ms Kate Fearnley – Executive Director – Engagement and Participation

Observing: Rebecca Christensen

Apologies

Mrs Elaine Noad

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received by Elaine Noad

2. Announcements

There were no announcements.

3. Minutes of Board meeting held on 15 March 2016

The minutes of the above meeting were approved.

4. CEO Update

Mental health strategy – issues about mental health were in all of the political parties manifestos indicating it is an ongoing priority. We will write to the Minister when appointed to remind him or her about our priorities for the mental health strategy and to request a meeting.

Review of learning disability and autism in Mental Health Act – Griesbach Associates have been appointed to carry out the scoping exercise to inform the Scottish Government review of whether people with learning disability and/or autism continue to be covered by the Mental Health Act.

National Preventative Mechanism – we are contributing to work reviewing the pathways between different detentions specifically justice and mental health services.

Appropriate Adults Scheme – the Scottish Government is proposing that there be a national scheme and that the Commission is responsible for overseeing quality control. A business case on costs and resources for this is being prepared.

Visits – the [themed visit](#) to individuals in IPCUs has been published and local visits continue to be published. We are starting to plan for themed visits in 2017/18 to individuals with borderline personality disorder, autism and older people.

Advice Notes – we have published advice notes on [contraception and adults with incapacity](#) and [voting rights](#)

Advance statement event – our launch of information materials about advance statements was held at end of March. There are films, booklets and templates for [advance statements](#) available on the website.

Engagement Forum – we are planning a pilot forum in the autumn and some initial discussions have been held with VOX to hold a collaborative event.

Investigations – the interviews and analysis for the investigation requested by Scottish Ministers are completed with draft report scheduled for June Board. Interviews for another investigation have started with scheduled completion date for November 2016.

Organisational development - internal values and a new performance management system has been developed in consultation with staff.

5. Items for discussion and/or approval

5.1 Peri-natal Themed Visits Report

The report was approved. The recommendation about specialist services is to be made stronger.

5.2 Financial Review

The paper was noted.

5.3 Business Plan Update

The paper was noted.

5.4 *Board Member Recruitment*

The Board agreed that there should be a Chair and seven Board members in total. The skills matrix for the Board was agreed and is to include a person with experience of health service management or strategic commissioning.

5.5 *Operational Management Group (OMG) Self Assessment and Remit*

The self assessment and areas for improvement were noted and the remit of OMG approved.

5.6 *Register of Interests*

The register of interests was approved and will be published on the website.

6. Items for Information

6.1 *SG SLC AWI Consultation*

The consultation response was noted

6.2 *SG Dementia Strategy (Paper, Gary Morrison will give an update)*

The paper was noted.

6.3 *MWC Report – Emergency Detention Certificates without Mental Health Officer Present (audit 1 July 2015 – 31 December 2015)*

The paper was noted.

6.4 *Advisory Group Note of meeting 25 February 2016*

The paper was noted.

6.5 *Audit Committee Minutes of Meeting held on 22 February 2016*

The minutes were noted.

7. Any Other Business

The Board recommended that consideration be given to producing the annual report in digital format only and no printed copies

8. Board Self Assessment

The Board discussed the self assessment identifying the key risks for the organisation as financial sustainability, investigations and NCF. It was agreed to

devote a meeting of the Board later this year to discussing strategic planning and sustainability.

9. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 28 June 2016