



Dumfries and Galloway
Integration Joint Board
Transformation and Innovation / Futures Committee

**Minute of Dumfries and Galloway
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Innovation / Futures Committee meeting
held on
13th February 2024**

For Approval

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Voting Members Present:

Ian Carruthers	(IC)	Local Authority Voting Member (Chair)
Kim Dams	(KDa)	NHS Voting Member
Chrissie Hill	(CH)	Local Authority Voting Member

Advisory Members Present:

Ananda Allan	(AA)	Performance & Intelligence Manager
Rod Edgar	(RE)	Communication and Engagement Manager
Amber Murray	(AM)	EA to Chief Officer / Admin Support
David Rowland	(DR)	Director of Strategic Planning and Transformation
Alison Warrick	(AW)	Governance Officer
Julie Watters	(JWa)	Chief Internal Auditor
Julie White	(JW)	Chief Officer
Valerie White	(VW)	Director of Public Health

Supporting Present:

Linda Bunney	(LB)	Head of Primary Care Services
Viv Gration	(VG)	Deputy Head of Strategic Planning and Commissioning
Alison Milne	(AMi)	Clinical Lead - Public Dental Service

Apologies:

Grecy Bell	(GB)	Deputy Medical Director
Kirsty Bell	(KB)	Head of Business Support
Rhianna Davies-McCrorie	(RDMc)	NHS Voting Member (Vice Chair)
Niomi Nichol	(NN)	Community Health & Wellbeing Manager, Third Sector – Representative

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted as above.

2. Declaration(s) of Interest

No declarations of interest were noted.

3. Minutes from Thursday 16th November 2024

These notes were approved as an accurate record.

4. Action Plan / Rolling Agenda Matrix

All Actions were discussed and AM will continue to be updated accordingly.

5. Galloway Community Hospital Review Update

VG confirmed she was in attendance today to provide an update on behalf of Callum Ambridge.

The Galloway Community Hospital (GCH) is a modern facility providing a range of Hospital Services to the west of the region. However, there continue to be challenges in both recruitment and retention to a number of key roles within the hospital.

A meeting was held this week with the Galloway Community Action Group, a number of challenges were discussed and will be actioned.

14.18 L Bunney / A Milne joined the meeting

CH confirmed that this affects her Ward and stated her expectations that significant public engagement is required, the review must be based on the Vacancies we have and how we are going to recruit to them and how can we make this Hospital more sustainable and for the Services to be maintained.

KD highlighted engagement is extremely key in terms of all the general nervousness, and everyone must feel heard and listened. Change can be positive and does not always require being negative. KD confirmed her desire to see the importance of consultation and the planned approach captured in the content of the Project Initiation Document.

It was reinforced that this discussion / paper today is not a decision making for the GCH going forward, rather it is to consider the benefits of undertaking such a review.

Conversations which have taken place recently within the Right Care Right Place piece has been beneficial and the engagement / feedback from the public population is significant and will form a number of ideas / options for the IJB in the future.

JW confirmed this model cannot come at cost, we have a significant deficit at the moment which will continue, and the IJB has a responsibility within the Strategic Commissioning Plan to deliver the functions that have been delegated to the IJB. Our ambition is clear and we must be honest and upfront.

Once the PID is agreed and gone through the Committee as a proposal it will then go for agreement and a direction to the IJB.

VW acknowledged the discussions had, and emphasised the importance of improving Population Health. VW noted that we have developed a huge reliance on what Health Care, and we must connect with the population to support them to take responsibility for their own health going forward, we cannot rely on services to keep us Healthy.

CH thanked colleagues for the updates, but it is the fear out in the West in terms of another review again messaging must be clear.

Action: RE

Decision (s)

Committee Members:

- **Noted the proposal to undertake a review of the Galloway Community Hospital.**
- **Approved that a fully developed Programme Initiation Document be developed for consideration at next meeting on 14 May 2024.**

6. Dental Services Update

A Milne and L Bunney have joined to take members through a presentation update which will be shared following the meeting.

Action: AM

VW highlighted this is on the Corporate Risk Register and has been discussed on the Public Board due to the challenges. Question Time last week discussed specifically in terms of England, this will take approx 10 years to fix the situation, a number of things are not available to us in Scotland.

The budget to provide General Dental Services sits with the Scottish Government, we currently do not have any more money coming to the system in terms of the declining situation.

KD asked in terms of longer term implications, do we have information or data on this, and also are people happy to travel out with their own areas for access.

AMi mentions the Oral Health Website have info in terms of Oral Cancer, this is not included in the presentation but they can get figures in terms of these numbers and they haven't increased at this stage and are monitored annually. Other health conditions will also be included.

DR attended a West of Scotland Planning Meeting, where the director presented the workplan and to review our plans / joint working and there was a discussion around the potential to co-ordinate the scarce capacity within the Public Dental Service across the West of Scotland Board. A number of actions were taken last year in terms of a number of the actions highlighted, the outputs from the Workshop in Spring to look at what we can do differently, to be brought back to this

committee prior to going to the IJB with a possible ask of a direction. AMi supports this approach discussed.

7. General Medical Services Update on GP Sustainability Taskforce

LB highlighted to members this paper is to provide an update on the work underway to address the current pressures and sustainability issues in General Practice in Dumfries & Galloway.

Recruitment and retention issues are not new to the General Practice area. We currently have a high cohort of GPs over 50/55 year old.

We have just established a GP Sustainability Taskforce Group, Chaired by Julie White. Currently focussing on a number of actions, where some have been completed and will be planning on moving forward on medium to high risk actions.

RE has also arranged and established a Communication Group for General Practice, who met for the first time this week.

Workplans will be developed further and will come back to a future meeting to present an update similar to the Dental update provided today.

JW mentions there are a number of pieces of work needing to be taken forward as highlighted, key point in terms of this committee being a real driver is for a sustainable future.

KD confirmed she attended the workshop highlighted which was well attended and received, working together as a team / multi agency is key. LB mentioned what is out there currently is not a sustainable picture.

Decision (s)

Committee Members:

- **Noted this update**
- **Invited the Primary Care Development Team to provide a workshop on the work of the GP Sustainability Taskforce**

8. DGHSCP Participation and Engagement Activity Quarterly Report October 2023 – January 2024

RE confirmed this paper provides information and assurance to the Committee about significant participation and engagement activities undertaken within the fourth quarter of 2023, and presented within the context of work which has taken place before this period. This group continues to meet monthly which has a lot of activity.

Third Sector support continues and is welcomed. Maternity Services Consultation concluded on 12th February 2024, data in terms of responses are being worked up at the moment.

General Medical Services in Nithsdale have undertaken a survey and the public's thoughts / concerns have been received, and the Community Council has been in touch following this and looking to continue the approach.

IC commented in terms of the comment in terms of the Consultation and Engagement Fatigue, but for the good work to continued, KD echoed this comment in terms of the public consultation fatigue, this must continue and we must be aware of finding ways to find it easier to contribute.

Decision (s)

Committee Members:

- **Noted the information presented within the paper on participation and engagement activity.**

9. Any Other Business

No AOCB was noted.

10. Workshop Session – Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill: consultation – Lead by Glen Graham / Liz Forsyth

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee will be held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 2pm via Microsoft Teams.