



NHS Grampian Annual Report 2015/16

Introduction

The NHS Board is required to publish an Annual Report to account to the community it serves and to other stakeholders for key aspects of its performance during the year and to give an account of its stewardship. The Annual Report is produced following the receipt of a letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport documenting the outcome of the Board's Annual Review meeting. The 2015/16 Annual Review took place on Monday 6 October 2016 and a letter was received from the Cabinet Secretary on 29 November 2016.

Annual Review

This year the Annual Review was a 'non Ministerial' one, with Scottish Government in attendance but not chairing the proceedings. The review did however follow the same format with a meeting in public consisting of a short presentation on performance and challenges, followed by questions from the public.

At the Annual Review the Chairman, Professor Stephen Logan, acknowledged the dedication of the NHS staff in Grampian. He stressed the importance of celebrating success through our awards scheme, the GRAFTAS, and was very proud that a number of staff had won accolades and national awards this year. He was pleased to see the generally positive feedback Board staff had been receiving on the Patient Opinion website and through patient experience surveys.

He explained that NHS Grampian continued to have some challenges in delivering Government access time standards on a sustainable basis. This included standards for inpatients, outpatients, cancer treatment and child and adolescent mental health services. Performance had improved during 2015/16 but services remained vulnerable due to recruitment challenges, especially in small specialties. Professor Logan was pleased to note that recruitment was improving with more staff in post compared to a year ago. He also acknowledged sustained delivery of the national 4 hour A&E standard and significant reductions in the number of people whose discharge from hospital was delayed.

The Board achieved all 3 of its financial targets in 2015/16 i.e. to operate within its Revenue Resource Limit, Capital Resource Limit and to meet its Cash Requirement.

The most significant change over the last year had been the integration of health and social care. The establishment of Integration Joint Boards and health and social care partnerships, with delegated joint budgets, was a fundamental organisational change. Within Grampian these changes had been delivered effectively, influenced by the excellent and strengthening relationships with the local authorities.

Looking forward the Chairman welcomed the recently approved Grampian Clinical Strategy signalling the fundamental changes required in health and care over the next few years. It recognised that transformation was required and sought to create the conditions to support this to happen, through our workforce, innovation and collaboration. A portfolio of co-ordinated activities would be taken forward in prevention, self management, planned and unscheduled care.

A number of questions from members of the public on a wide range of topics were answered. These included services for people with Parkinson's disease in Moray, models of care for older people, the Detect Cancer Early programme and the important role of rehabilitation following major trauma.

Further Information

Further information can be found on the NHS Grampian website www.nhsgrampian.org . This includes:

- The full annual review self-assessment completed by NHS Grampian
- The letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport A video of the Annual Review public meeting.
- The Annual Accounts for 2015/2016.
- The Grampian Clinical Strategy
- How to get involved in working with us to plan for the future.
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