

**MENTAL WELFARE COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
ON TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2017  
IN CONFERENCE ROOM, THISTLE HOUSE, EDINBURGH  
AT 10.30AM**

**Present:**

The Very Rev'd Dr Graham Forbes CBE  
Mr Norman Dunning  
Mr Paul Dumbleton  
Mr Nigel Henderson  
Dr Sivasankaran Sashidharan  
Mrs Safaa Baxter  
Mr Sandy Riddell  
Ms Mary Twaddle

**In Attendance:**

Mr Colin McKay, Chief Executive  
Ms Alison McRae, Head of Corporate Services  
Mrs Alison Thomson, Executive Director (Nursing)  
Ms Kate Fearnley, Executive Director (Engagement & Participation)  
Dr Gary Morrison, Executive Director (Medical)

**Secretary:** Mrs Alison Smith, Operations and Improvement Manager

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Gordon Johnston and Mike Diamond

**2. Announcements**

Mr Dunning updated the Board on his recent appointment to the [Agnes Hunter Trust and Dollar Community Development Trust](#) and Mrs Thomson was asked to update his interests in the Board's register of interests.

**3. Minutes of Board meeting held on 24 January 2017**

Approved.

**4. CEO Update**

**Mental Health Strategy** - published before Easter. MWC comments given wide coverage.

**Dementia Strategy 3** – the strategy has been delayed until after the General Election.

**Heads of Social Work meeting** – held on 20 April. Strong interest in law reform. MWC will be reviewing how to get the right level of representation from local authorities at future meetings.

**Medical records managers** - seminar was held to prepare for the new MHA forms when the MHA 2015 comes into effect, anticipated to be the end of June 2017.

**Adult acute visit report** – report published on 11 April. Strong coverage in the Herald about safety concerns which will be followed up locally and with the Patient Safety Programme.

**Delayed discharge** - issues in both the Adult Acute report and the ‘No Through Road’ report into learning disability assessment units. MWC has written to the Scottish Government seeking a meeting to follow up ongoing concerns about delays, and how these are recorded.

**LGBT** – guidance has now been published and well received.

**Guidance on AWI in hospital and care homes** – guidance now been updated and extended.

**ARBD** – consultation event has been held and guidance is being developed.

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

### **5.1 Themed visit report to people who are homeless**

The Board approved the report with minor amendments to the recommendations.

### **5.2 Internal Recommendations for future visits to homeless people**

Colin McKay suggested that the Commission could do some partnership work through one of the charities who might be able to get some funding to do a practical outcome project. Future work would have to be planned for and it was unlikely that the Commission would have the capacity to undertake any work in this area for two to three years.

### **5.3 Place of Safety Monitoring**

The Board approved the report noting the plan to do more detailed monitoring later in the year and suggested that it could be useful to cross reference against detention rates. Gary Morrison said he was keen to get patients’ perspectives on the use of place of safety and it was suggested that we could use social media to allow people to get in touch with the Commission.

### **5.4 Patients’ Rights Guidance**

The Board was shown a selection of the [videos](#) produced for the patients' rights pathway. Members asked Colin McKay to pass on their appreciation and gratitude to the staff involved.

The Board approved the [good practice guide](#) which is intended to be used alongside the [booklet](#) and videos. There will be an evaluation of the patients' rights project during 2017/18.

## **5.5 Financial Review**

Alison McRae reported a small underspend of £20k to end March 2017. This was mostly due to fewer DMP visits than forecast in the mid-year report.

## **5.6 Senior Appointment Pay Remit**

The Board approved this paper.

## **5.7 OMG Self-Assessment and Remit**

The Board noted the OMG self-assessment and approved its remit for 2017/18.

## **5.8 Register of Interests**

The Board noted the [Register of Interests](#) and asked that it be updated with Mr Dunning's new information.

# **6. Appointments and Remuneration**

## **6.1 Relocation Expenses**

The request for relocation expenses was approved as a special case. The Board noted that this was in line with existing policy.

# **7. Items for Information**

## **7.1 Advisory Group Note of Meeting of 23 February 2017**

The Board noted the minutes from the Advisory Group meeting of 23 February 2017.

## **7.2 IT/IG Annual Report**

The Board noted the paper.

## **7.3 MWC Response to SG consultation on the draft gender representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill**

The Board noted the paper.

## **8. Any other business**

Alison Thomson updated the Board on Community psychiatric nurse (CPN) engagement events held by the Commission. These had included presentations on advance statements. Feedback had been positive with requests for more events.

Gary Morrison stated that he plans to do similar events for doctors and is also working with health boards to engage with trainee doctors. The Board enquired whether the Commission was able to input to AMP training and it was confirmed that Dr Steven Anderson was taking this forward. T2 consent to treatment was part of the training he would be taking forward.

Kate Fearnley advised that she is working on the Commission's new advocacy duty under the 2015 MHA. A questionnaire is being developed to ask health boards to report on their duties to promote and provide advocacy services.

Gary Morrison advised that the MHA monitoring report this year will look back over a ten year period. He also stated that our new responsibilities to hold a register of advance statements will be implemented at the end of June.

CEO objectives will come to the next meeting.

## **9. Date of next meeting 27 June 2017**