

Minutes

Meeting: Policy Committee

Date: 27 May 2015

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Room 0.24, Compass House, Dundee

Present: Paul Edie, Chair (Convener of Committee)
Mike Cairns
Anne Haddow
Anne Houston

In Attendance: Rami Okasha, Acting Director of Strategic Development
Robert Peat, Director of Inspection
Gordon Weir, Director of Corporate Services
Sharon Smith, Senior Solicitor (representing Kenny McClure, Head of Legal Services)
Anne Forsyth, Directorate Support Officer

Apologies: David Wiseman, Board Member
Karen Anderson, Chief Executive
Kenny McClure, Head of Legal Services

Item		Action
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular, congratulations to Rami Okasha who attended his first Committee as Acting Director of Strategic Development.	
1.0	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Apologies for absence, as listed above, were noted.	
2.0	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
	There was no declaration of interest.	

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3.0 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2015

The minute of the meeting held on 3 March 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4.0 ACTION RECORD OF MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2015

The action record of the meeting held on 3 March 2015 was noted and updated.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING

7.0 – Regulators’ Strategic Code of Practice Made Under the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014: The Committee noted that the SPSO’s opinion on links with the complaints process was not known and would be sought.

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STANDING ITEMS

6.0 POLICY/PARLIAMENTARY TRACKER: FEBRUARY-APRIL 2015 REPORT NO: P-06-2015

The Acting Director of Strategic Development presented the report which provided the Committee with an update on policy and parliamentary developments. The following points were noted:

- The breadth of areas that were being debated in terms of legislation, government policy and initiatives and parliamentary developments.
- The SPSO letter on integrated health and social care complaints process and that the Acting Director of Strategic Development would be providing evidence to the Local Government and Regeneration Committee on 10 June 2015.
- A petition lodged calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge Scottish Government to abolish all local authority charges for non-residential care services as under Part 1 of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002.
- A petition lodged calling on the the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to introduce legislation that made it a criminal offence to fail to report child abuse.
- Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill, particularly that if the debate at Stage 1 progressed, that the Care Inspectorate may be asked to give evidence.

The Committee:

- Thanked the Policy Team for the work.
- Noted the content in the report and that this would be forwarded to all Board members.

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7.0 NATIONAL CARE STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Acting Director of Strategic Development provided the Committee with an up-to-date position on the development of the National Care Standards (NCS). The Committee noted that an update report would be submitted to Public Board on 26 June 2015, however the following points were noted:

- That Scottish Government had issued a report on the consultation on 29 April 2015 in which the proposals were well supported that the new standards should take a human rights-based approach.
- That with possible changes to the human rights framework in the UK, there may be a need to take broader view to include consideration of human rights and well-being, which may be more accessible and understood by the sector.
- That Scottish Care was represented together with the Care Inspectorate and other key stakeholders on the NCS Development Group.
- That with such a fundamental change, training around the new standards together with the review of methodology would be needed for inspectors and the sector.

The Committee:

- Agreed that a watching brief was required and that it was interested to see the developments and wished to be fully involved in any improvements.

8.0 SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

The Committee noted and updated the schedule, in particular, the following items were included for its next meeting:

- Draft Annual Report to Board
- Implications from the Triennial Review

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BUSINESS

9.0 CARE INSPECTORATE, HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT SCOTLAND, AUDIT SCOTLAND BRIEFING – HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION – APPROACH TO SCRUTINY REPORT NO: P-07-2015

The Acting Director of Strategic Development presented the report which advised the Committee of the confidential briefing which had been submitted to the ministerial steering group on integrated health and social care. The following key areas of interest submitted were highlighted:

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- That in year 1 (2015/16) the joint work focussed on setting out a baseline position, commenting on progression in establishing health and social care integration.
- That from year 2 onwards (commencing April 2017 at the earliest), all Integration Authorities would have begun to report publicly on how they were implementing their integration schemes and that the partners would carry out a piece of work to build on and draw together evidence. A national overview report, including an assessment of the national policy and performance management oversight for health and social care integration and comment on the impact on services and progress towards achieving the national outcome indicators would also be provided.

The Committee:

- Noted the content of the report.
- Noted the importance of and implications for strategic scrutiny by the Care Inspectorate and its partners.

**10.0 STRATEGIC SCRUTINY GROUP PROJECT: ACHIEVING EFFECTIVE ALIGNMENT BETWEEN EXTERNAL SCRUTINY AND PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM
REPORT NO: P-08-2015**

The Acting Director of Strategic Development presented the report which advised the Committee of a report to the Strategic Scrutiny Group outlining a review of the inspection and improvement landscape. The following key areas of interest were highlighted:

- That it was welcomed that efforts were recommended to ensure scrutiny approaches contributed to improvement by closing the gap between internal self-assessment and external scrutiny.

The Committee:

- Noted the content of the report.
- Considered issues as above related to future scrutiny and potential implications for the Care Inspectorate.

**11.0 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014 IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE
REPORT NO: P-09-2015**

The Acting Director of Strategic Development presented the report which updated the Committee on the timeline for expected implementation dates in relation to relevant provisions within the

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. The following points in particular were highlighted:

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- That the Act had been passed by the Scottish Parliament on 19 February 2014 and had received Royal Assent on 27 March 2014.
- That the implementation dates provided were for the major provisions relevant to the work of the Care Inspectorate, all of which were due to come into effect by the end of 2016.
- That there had been discussion with the Scottish Commissioner for Children and Young People who was willing to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Care Inspectorate in order to share information and make it easier to identify which organisation was appropriate to undertake individual investigations.
- That there would be a report submitted to Board to identify where the Care Inspectorate's focus should be.
- That the Chair and Chief Executive were meeting with the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning on 17 June 2015.

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The Committee:

- Noted the content in the implementation timeline.

12.0 VALE OF LEVEL HOSPITAL INQUIRY – LEARNING FOR THE CARE INSPECTORATE REPORT NO: P-10-2015

The Acting Director of Strategic Development presented the report which advised the Committee of recommendations within the Value of Leven Hospital Inquiry report that provided learning for the Care Inspectorate. The following points were noted:

- That the report made 75 recommendations in total, for NHS Scotland, Scottish Government and the Crown Office.
- That from these recommendations, there were areas of learning for the Care Inspectorate and that each one had been highlighted.
- That there were general issues that had been identified in preventing failure identified in the inquiry:
 - Knowledge, education and awareness around C.Difficile infection and other Healthcare Associated Infections.
 - Knowledge, education and awareness around other care issues highlighted in the report.
 - The role of scrutiny in reducing risk.
 - Audit, reporting and accountability.
 - The scope for benefits from an Inspection Focus Area.
- That discussions were on-going with Scottish Government and Health Protection Scotland about the possibility of obtaining access to specialist infection prevention and control advice on a seconded basis to develop capacity.

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The Committee:

- Noted the content within the report and noted that the Board would need to consider the level of risk it was prepared to tolerate.

13.0 AOCB

There was no other competent business.

14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as 25 August 2015 at 10.30 am, Compass House, Dundee.

Signed:

Paul Edie
Convener

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