



## **NHS Grampian Annual Report 2014/15**

### **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, Wellbeing and Sport documenting the outcome of the Board's Annual Review meeting. The 2014/15 Annual Review took place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015 and a letter was received from the Cabinet Secretary on 28 October 2015.

### **Annual Review**

The Annual Review day is made up of a number of private and public meetings and visits. On this occasion the Cabinet Secretary took the opportunity to visit the two new theatres at Woodend Hospital which has enhanced the elective surgical capacity to assist in reducing waiting times. She met with the Area Clinical Forum and welcomed the growing engagement with the clinical community. The Area Partnership Forum stressed the need for ongoing staff engagement as health and social care integration is implemented. The Cabinet Secretary also met with a group of patients and carers to listen to their ideas and experiences.

At the Annual Review public session the Cabinet Secretary acknowledged the dedication of NHS staff in Grampian as well as the world class facilities available to support the provision of healthcare. She repeated the Scottish Government's intention to continue to provide support for improvement and noted a positive commitment to change throughout the Board. She noted the key areas of progress in relation to the issues highlighted in the three reports published in December 2015, two by Healthcare Improvement Scotland and the other by the Royal College of Surgeons of England. The Board was able to evidence improvements in both structures and processes across the acute sector as well as progress in staff recruitment and retention and further investment infrastructure.

A number of questions from members of the public on a wide range of topics were answered. These included identifying opportunities to improve communication with the public and volunteers, progress with filling psychology vacancies and the need to resolve littering outside hospitals arising from the smoking ban on NHS premises.

At the private session with the NHS Board, the Cabinet Secretary addressed NHS Grampian's performance against a number of national standards and targets including access times for cancer treatment which was continuing to be challenging due to particular capacity pressures.

Plans for improving performance against the 12 week Treatment Time Guarantee were also discussed and it was acknowledged that the Board was working closely with the Access Support Team to deliver improvement by December 2015.

The need for a robust Winter Plan was stressed. There was close working with Local Authority partners and independent sector colleagues to increase community capacity to reduce the number of people for whom hospital discharge is delayed.

Despite the challenges facing NHS Grampian, it was acknowledged that the Board achieved all 3 of its financial targets in 2014/15 i.e. to operate within its Revenue Resource Limit, Capital Resource Limit and to meet its Cash Requirement.

## **Further Information**

Further information can be found on the NHS Grampian website [www.nhsgrampian.org](http://www.nhsgrampian.org) . This includes:

- The full annual review self-assessment completed by NHS Grampian
- The letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport summarising the outcome of the Annual Review day.
- A video of the Annual Review public meeting.
- The Annual Accounts for 2014/2015.
- The Grampian Healthfit 2020 vision
- How to get involved in working with us to plan for the future.

If you would like more information on specific issues and initiatives, or on how to get involved in planning health services in Grampian, please contact:

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