

Argyll & Bute HSCP Finance & Policy Committee

Friday, 27 March 2020 at 1.30pm
Via Skype

Present

Councillor Kieron Green	IJB Chair
Councillor Gary Mulvaney	IJB Member
Councillor Sandy Taylor	IJB Member
Sarah Compton Bishop	Vice-Chair IJB
Prof Boyd Robertson	IJB Member

In attendance

Joanna MacDonald (to item 5)	Chief Officer
Judy Orr	Head of Finance and Transformation
George Morrison	Head of Finance
Caroline Cherry	Head of Adult Services
Charlotte Craig	Business Improvement Manager
David Forshaw	Principal Accountant Social Work
Fiona Broderick	Staff Side Representative
Irene Luke	PA (minutes)

Apologies

Alex Taylor	Head of Children & Families
Julie Lusk	Head of Adult Services
Nicola Schinaia	Associate Director of Public Health
Liz Higgins	Professional Advisory Group Rep
Stephen Whiston	Head of Planning & Performance

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1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Chair welcomed members joining the Skype meeting. Apologies were noted as above.</p>	
2.	<p>Draft Minutes of 6 March 2020</p> <p>The minute of meeting held on 6 March 2020 was agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
3.	<p>Action Log 2019-202 v5</p> <p>Updated Action Log was circulated and noted.</p>	

4.	<p>Budget Monitoring</p> <p>Budget Monitoring Report as at 29 February 2020 and appendices were presented. The report provided the Committee with a summary of the financial position of the Health and Social Care Partnership as at 29 February 2020. The forecast outturn position for 2019-20 is a forecast overspend of £1.312m which has deteriorated by £147k from that forecast at end of January. This is now expected to change relatively little from now to the year end.</p> <p>There is a year to date overspend of £0.991m as at 29 February 2020. This consists of an overspend of £1.019m within Social Work delivered services offset by a year to date underspend of £28k within Health. The position has improved by £374k in the month which relates mainly to Social Work.</p> <p>The Committee requested further detail around actions being taken to address the continued Health overspend on locums and agency and the carry forward savings target assigned to Learning Disability Service.</p> <p>Officers updated on the recently awarded GP contract for Mull and the project management approach to locum use which will have an impact on reducing dependency on locums. Within Learning Disability Services work is ongoing to look at core and cluster services. It is anticipated that through repatriation the savings identified can be achieved and the new SIO post will assist with this.</p> <p>The Committee noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the forecast outturn position for 2019-20 is a forecast overspend of £1.312m as at 29 February 2020 and that there is a year to date overspend of £0.991m as at the same date. • Noted the above position excludes any provision for the ongoing dispute with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde 	
5.	<p>COVID-19 Cost Tracking</p> <p>The Committee was provided with a verbal update on financial arrangements being put in place to support COVID-19 work and accounting processes. National procurement guidance is being followed with arrangements in place to ensure prompt payment of invoices to support suppliers and commissioned services. Workforce monitoring continues and will identify recruitment to COVID-19 specific posts. Covid specific cost centres have been created both for social work and Health and these will be used for equipment and PPE purchases. Additional care packages will be tracked on CareFirst. A new CareFirst interface for non-residential charges will be implemented faster than originally planned in order to reduce admin and speed up invoice payments. It is then planned to review self billing plans as this may assist further. All adverse variances will be reviewed to see if caused by any additional</p>	

	<p>Covid costs to ensure that all additional hours are all picked up.</p> <p>Boards are being funded on Board of Treatment basis for Covid so there will be no cross charging for any Covid related costs</p> <p>The Committee noted the verbal update.</p>	
6	<p>NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Update</p> <p>Head of Finance advised that NHSGG&C's Director of Finance had responded to the points raised in his letter of 5 December 2019. However, NHSGG&C has only accepted one of the twenty points raised and has agreed to reduce the proposed SLA charge for 2019/20 by £210k in relation to urology charges. This leaves £1.324m still under dispute for 2019/20 and the matter therefore remains unresolved. Under accounting rules, we will have to accrue this at year end, but it will not be paid over</p> <p>NHSH Chair proposed a conversation between Chairs for NHSH and NHSGG&C, and Chief Executives of NHSH and NHSGG&C to attempt to resolve the matter.</p> <p>It was noted that we are not the only board in dispute over these charges and this may take some time to resolve fully.</p> <p>The Committee noted the verbal update.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>No further business was raised.</p>	
	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <p>Friday, 24th April at 2020 at 1.30pm via Skype</p>	