

Core brief

Introduction

Tuesday 19 April 2016

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board met today, Tuesday 19 April 2016. [All the Board papers are available on our website.](#)

Below are a few of the important highlights from the meeting.

Green light for e-cigarettes on hospital grounds

Today the board gave formal approval to the use of e-cigarettes on our hospital and other healthcare facility grounds.

The only restrictions applied to "vaping" is that patients, visitors and staff will not be allowed to use e-cigarettes at or around entrances and exits to our premises... and the existing ban on their use inside any of our buildings remains in force.

In February this year the board agreed to change the policy in principle but asked for an "implementation" proposal to be considered and brought back for consideration.

Board members stressed their continued total support for "smokefree" NHS grounds.

It's hoped that the new policy will help change the behaviour of a small hardcore of people who continue to smoke on hospital grounds.

The newly updated smokefree policy ensures a more consistent approach to "vaping" with the e-cigarette friendly approach now adopted by our smoking cessation services.

[Click here](#) to read our press release issued today

[Click here to read the full Board Paper No 16/16](#)

A Fairer NHSGGC

Board members received a detailed presentation highlighting areas of activity across a broad range of areas to meet and exceed the requirements of equality legislation.

Addressing inequality issues is a top priority for the board and this presentation detailed key issues and the actions taken to address them.

With six in every 100 people estimated as being lesbian, gay or bisexual NHSGGC has done much including creating a high profile "Stand Against Homophobia" campaign.

Less than half a per cent of our staff have declared they have a disability which does not reflect our workforce population so we have formed a Staff Disability Forum.

In response to a quarter of children living in poverty we have helped the vulnerable access £37m through

Healthier Wealthier Children and other financial inclusion referrals since 2011.

[Click here to read the full Board Paper No 15/13](#)

Commitment given to modernise mental health

A phased approach to complete the ongoing redesign of the mental health in-patient programme was given full backing by board members today.

Much of the modernisation plan has already been put in place but four final stages of the programme remain to be completed.

Support was given to a plan that would see a four stage process put in to place to complete the redesign that was approved by the board back in January 2015.

[Click here to read the full Board Paper No.16/17](#)

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