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Public Board Meeting

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Item No 18**

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BOARD DEVELOPMENT SESSION UPDATE

Lead Director Author	Tom Steele, Chair Lindsey Ralph, Board Secretary
Action required	The Board is asked to note the report.
Key points	This paper provides information on the most recent Board Development session held on 31 October 2018.
Timing	Board Development sessions are held bi-monthly and a report is provided to the next public Board meeting on the main items discussed.



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SCOTTISH AMBULANCE SERVICE BOARD

REPORT FROM BOARD DEVELOPMENT SESSION

TOM STEELE, CHAIR

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

Board Development sessions are held bi-monthly and provide an opportunity for Board members to consider issues in detail and improve members' understanding and knowledge of what are often complex subjects. The format of the sessions usually consist of a presentation or briefing from Executive Directors and managers leading the area of work, or staff involved in the work, followed by discussion and questions from members or a workshop focused on areas for board development.

SECTION 2 : BACKGROUND

Board Development sessions are not decision making meetings.

The Board's Code of Corporate Governance sets out the decision making process which is strictly observed. The sessions do however assist the decision making process through in depth exploration and analysis of an issue which may be the subject of a formal board decision. They also provide an opportunity for updates on ongoing strategic matters.

SECTION 3: DISCUSSION

The most recent Board Development session was held on 31 October 2018.

Scottish Government commissioned a review of best practice in corporate governance and published, NHS Scotland - A Blueprint for Good Governance, on 5 October. The Chair opened the meeting with a presentation on the blueprint. Board members discussed and agreed the following short term priorities for the Board:-

- Strengthen governance – Holding to Account and Risk Assessment
- New Clinical Governance Response Model – achieve agreement and sign off.
- Develop an approach to the modernisation of primary care using paramedics – prepare a scoping study
- Maintain performance over the winter period
- Continued development of mental health projects

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Board members participated in a facilitated workshop on Strategy Development Beyond 2020 to build on the preparatory work from previous sessions. The outputs from this discussion will form the foundation principles of how the Service will consult and co-design its strategy with members of the public and its partners.

Other items included an update on the Service's New Clinical Response model, the implementation of the Service's Demand and Capacity Review and Scottish Government's recent communications regarding Brexit.

The next Board Development session will be held on 27 February 2019.

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