



CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT TO THE MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2019

Scottish Health Awards

The Scottish Health Awards took place Thursday 14 November 2019 at the Corn Exchange in Edinburgh. This awards ceremony is extremely prestigious and had over 500 nominations from across Scotland, 51 making the finals. Moray Teams/individuals were finalists in 4 of the 17 categories.

Moray mental health services are involved in the national pilot relating to Distress Brief Interventions, this programme of work was a winner on the night in the Care for Mental Health Category.

We had 3 other finalists as follows:

Baby Steps Programme and our local Midwife Kirsteen Carmichael in the Midwifery Award Category.

You Choose initiative with Elidh Brown and Heidi Tweedie representing Moray, was a finalist in the Innovation Category.

Boogie in the Bar was represented by Laura Sutherland, Public Health Team and Carmen Gillies, Community Development Team in the Healthier Lifestyle Category.

This pays testimony to some of the excellent work undertaken by the highly motivated staff in Moray.

Upper Speyside

Following significant consideration of a number of risks emerging in upper Speyside relating to the Community Hospitals and Care at Home services, the decision was taken by Health and Social Care Moray (HSCM) to temporarily suspend inpatient operations at the Fleming Hospital in Aberlour. The main drivers for this related to staff availability, particularly trained nursing staff, alongside staff health and wellbeing and patient safety concerns. This was very challenging for all involved and particularly the community. The change of moving all inpatients to Stephen Hospital in Dufftown and all outpatients/day cases to Fleming has allowed stability in the interim period. This change took place following some intensive planning on the 18 November 2019.

Of the 9 patients in Fleming, 7 have gone home or to another appropriate facility, moving across the 2 remaining patients to Dufftown. Staff have worked closely with patients and their families to support this transition and will continue to assess the challenges of transport during this interim arrangement on an individual basis. Additional effort has been put in place to support volunteering and a team of Health Care Support Workers will support the community teams, District Nursing and Home Care as part of the interim arrangements. Care Home beds in Aberlour have also been agreed for short term use in those circumstances where this type of setting is able to provide the appropriate level of care locally.

Senior management in HSCM have increased their visits to the area and have offered surgeries for anyone with individual concerns. Amanda Croft, CEO, NHS Grampian visited both sites on 14 November 2019 to hear first-hand the workforce position. Increased support will continue to be provided throughout this temporary arrangement.

A meeting took place with the community and community leaders at the Fleming Hospital 11 November 2019 with good representation. Those who attended expressed their concerns and raised very important points for consideration. HSCM will now work closely with key partners and the community to consider the best way forward in achieving a sustainable health and social care system locally.

A report will come to the January 2020 Board advising on progress.

Ministerial Strategic Group

The draft review of progress with integration self-evaluation submission to the Ministerial Strategic Group (MSG) for Health and Community Care was presented to the Board in June 2019 (para 13 of the Minute refers).

There was an agreement to provide an update on the improvement actions identified within the submission to the Board on 28 November 2019. Due to competing demands this update will now come to the January 2020 Board.