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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 29 August 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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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 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 intended as 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 29 August 2018.

The main item for discussion was financial planning for 2018-19 and beyond, focused on the current financial environment across NHS Scotland and the Service's financial position to manage cost pressures and deliver savings. Other items included an update the new clinical response model, the implementation of the Service's demand and capacity review and next steps for the development of the Service's strategy beyond 2020.

Board members participated in an interactive Quality Improvement Workshop on data and measurement. The purpose of the workshop was to enhance board members' current confidence level with data.

The next Board Development session will be held on 31 October 2018.

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