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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 26 June 2019.
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 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 26 June 2019.

The main item of discussion was the development of the Service's future strategy beyond 2020 and how this linked to Scotland's Health priorities that underpinned the National Performance Framework. Linked to this, Board members received an update on the Service's Communication and Engagement Strategy objectives.

Other items for discussion were the Service's response to the Sturrock Report on the cultural issues in NHS Highland and an update on the legislative and policy background and Whistleblowing standards. Board members noted the intention that all NHS Boards will implement the Standards through a revised national 'Once for Scotland' Whistleblowing policy.

The next Board Development session will be held on 28 August 2019.

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