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BOARD DEVELOPMENT SESSION REPORT

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 August 2020.
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 consists 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

Due to the ongoing pandemic and social distancing measures, the Board Development session was held virtually by MS Teams.

The session opened with an update on the Service's COVID-19 Remobilisation Plan to March 2021 and Board members received a presentation from the Recovery Programme Leads.

The Service took over the running of Scotland's COVID-19 mobile testing units from the start of September and Board members were provided with an update on the arrangements which included the completion of the ambitious recruitment process to support the 18 mobile testing units across Scotland.

Board members received an update presentation on the development of the Service's Health and Wellbeing Strategy to highlight work supporting staff wellbeing during COVID-19, provide an update on staff engagement and consultation on wellbeing and the next steps.

The session concluded with a Board workshop on risk appetite facilitated by Internal Audit and the Service's Risk Manager.

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