NHS FIFE

Report to Fife Operational Divisional Committee on 14 November 2012

DIRECTOR OF ACUTE SERVICE’S REPORT

NHS FIFE ANNUAL REVIEW
Alex Neil, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, chaired the NHS Fife Annual Review on 29 October 2012 at Playfield Institute, Cupar. The Review covered the performance of NHS Fife in the year 2011 – 2012, including the range and quality of services delivered, waiting times, health improvement, partnership working, efficiency and future plans. Members of the public attended the review as observers. There was also an opportunity for questions from the floor at the end of the meeting, which were answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, and by the Chair of NHS Fife Board and his senior colleagues.

MACMILLAN QUALITY ENVIRONMENT MARK AWARD
Following assessment by External Assessors on 28 September 2012, Ward 34 Day Unit, Victoria Hospital was awarded the Macmillan Quality Environment Award (MQEM). This Mark aims to set the highest possible standards for cancer care environments.

NHS FOUNDATION TRUST AWARDS
Dr G Tydeman, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist has been nominated for the Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust Awards 2012. Nominated for the part he played in the development of teaching aid ‘Desperate Debra’ an emergency caesarean simulator to help train doctors to perform complex C-sections, this innovative piece of equipment is expected to make a real difference to patients and impact on the wider healthcare market.

SCOTTISH DEMENTIA AWARDS
Ward 44, Victoria Hospital are the winners of the Best Acute Care Category at the first Scottish Dementia Awards. The judging panel looked for initiatives that provided exceptional support to people with dementia when they are acutely ill, in need of surgery or other medical interventions. This is national recognition of the commitment of staff to enhancing services we provide for our patients with dementia and this is very much welcomed. NHS Fife is proud of the innovative practices our staff have implemented so far and that our patients, their families and their carers continue to benefit from these changes.

CHILDREN’S UNIT, VICTORIA HOSPITAL
A raffle to win a dolls house has raised over £150 for the Children’s Unit at Victoria Hospital. The hand-made house was donated by David Todd of Ramsay Crescent, Burntisland, and is one of a number of models that Mr Todd has made to scale over the years. The money raised will help kick start a project to raise funds for a special bed for the Children’s Unit.
VISIT BY MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The Right Reverend Albert Bogle, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland visited the new wing of Victoria Hospital on 6 September 2012. The Moderator was met by Dave Stewart, Chairman of NHS Fife Operational Division, Caroline Inwood, Director of Nursing, NHS Fife Operational Division and Mark Evans, Head of Spiritual Care, NHS Fife and visited patients on the Maternity and Paediatric wards, as well as patients from the Renal Department. NHS Fife Department of Spiritual Care is currently developing some of the most innovative spiritual care services within the NHS and the Department values its close working relationships with the belief communities. NHS Fife welcomed the Moderator and his affirmation that Spiritual Acre and the work of the Health Care Chaplains is central to the provision of care within the NHS. The Right Reverend Bogle noted NHS Fife recognises the important of wellbeing and spirituality and how it can make a difference to people’s lives. The Right Reverend Bogle was delighted to visit NHS Fife to make a public thank you to the NHS on behalf of the Vine Trust of which he is Chair. This is a medical care organisation which takes medical care to 100,000 people in Amazonia.

RETIREMENTS

Tina Chapman is taking early retirement after 37 years service within the NHS in Fife. Tina’s Occupational Therapy career gave her the opportunity to work across many specialties and also undertake work with Occupational Therapy and the Allied Health Professions at both Scottish and UK level. For the past 6 years, Tina has been part of the GH&MS Project Team working toward the building of the new wing at the Victoria Hospital and the works for the retained estate.

Wilma Bodzak retired on 30 September 2012 from her post of Senior Charge Nurse in Day Surgery. Wilma’s nursing career of 42 years has taken her to many specialties within NHS Fife and also further afield to South Africa. Wilma was RCN Nurse of the Year in Fife in 1990 and is one of our longest serving Senior Charge Nurses in NHS Fife. Wilma was instrumental in developing and implementing general Day Surgery Services for NHS Fife in 1995. She has always been passionate about Day Surgery Services and is held in the highest regard by patients and staff for her vision, leadership and commitment.

Carol Osborne (previously Loveridge) from the Estates Department, Queen Margaret Hospital retired on 26 October 2012 after 25 years service.

Senior Charge Nurse Liz Glasgow, Theatres, Victoria Hospital is retiring on 31 October 2012 after 40 years working in NHS Fife.

Dr Gordon Smith, Consultant Anaesthetist will be retiring at the end of November after more than 30 years service in NHS Fife.

DIRECTOR OF ACUTE SERVICES

As all of you know, my 6 months as Director of Acute Services is up at the end of this month. John Wilson has agreed that I will stay on for further 6 months, and I look forward to continuing working with you all.

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM
Director of Acute Services
14 November 2012