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Member Appointments Extended on Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport today announced the extension to the appointments of Alan Cowan, Jacqueline Forbes, John Matthews, Anne-Marie Monaghan, Ian Ritchie and Rona Sweeney as Members of Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board.

MEMBERS

Alan Cowan became a non-executive member of the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Board on 1st July 2016. Alan is a retired RAF Group Captain and has worked in a wide range of senior health leadership appointments in UK, Europe, Middle East and USA. A graduate of the RAF College Cranwell, he led the UK specialist military medical retrieval teams, delivering worldwide aeromedical critical care and evacuation. Subsequently, he represented the UK on veterans' health issues in the US Department of Veterans Affairs when based in Washington DC and led the development of a new strategy for the UK Defence Medical Services. He is a past Board member of Voluntary Health Scotland, a Community Resilience Officer and has a national Reserve Forces leadership role. Alan brings strengths in operational leadership and strategy together with experience in working across professional, cultural and national boundaries.

Jacqueline Forbes is a development professional with extensive experience in residential and mixed-use development throughout Scotland and a wide range of commercial, technical and business skills. She graduated from the Mackintosh School of Architecture in Glasgow and worked in private practice and local authorities throughout Scotland before joining the Miller Group in Edinburgh, working in Partnership Housing then returning to Glasgow as Architectural Manager for the West of Scotland. In 2001 Jacqueline added an MBA to her qualifications and became the Development Manager responsible for the redevelopment of Leverndale in Crookston and Canniesburn Hospital in Bearsden and a Board Member of several Joint Venture companies ensuring sound financial and business management. In 2006 she joined Stewart Milne Homes in Aberdeen as Development Director before returning to private practice as Residential Director with Halliday Fraser Munro where she was involved in the delivery of a wide range of developments including the Aberdeen Maggie's Centre. Jacqueline now runs her own Property and Development Consultancy. She is a former External Examiner of Professional Practice at the Mackintosh School of Architecture and Edinburgh University as well as a former Chair of Women in Property Northern Scotland and current member of the Scottish Board of Women in Property.

John Matthews has held senior positions within industry, latterly with General Electric of America. In his early forties he studied for the Ministry of the Church of Scotland and was Minister of Ruchill Parish Church in North Glasgow for 19 years until his recent retirement. John is passionate about engaging with the wider social and economic concerns of Glasgow and beyond. He has served on the Boards of Glasgow Alliance, Glasgow Community Planning Partnership and Scottish Enterprise Glasgow as Deputy Chair. In 2010 he chaired an Independent Enquiry into Maximising Recovery from Dependent Drug Use in Scotland. He was on the Council of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow and chaired the Lay Advisory Board. He became chair of Simon Community Scotland in 2008.

Anne-Marie Monaghan has substantial experience of working in the voluntary sector in both youth and community development projects before working in the public sector in community care. She has held a range of senior posts with significant financial, governance, operational and strategic responsibilities demonstrating, in particular, effective skills in commissioning, service redesign and the development of innovative practice, which she brings to the Board. Her significant experience of social work delivery with skills in learning disability, policy, community engagement and of working in the context of health and social care integration is an asset. She has a positive track record of managing change and of developing partnership working.

Ian Ritchie has over 30 years' experience of the NHS stretching from undergraduate training, through to a 20 year career as a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon in Forth Valley. He was director of Surgical Training at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh for 4 years, and directed 'Training the Trainer' courses for over 10 years. Ian was elected Vice President (2009-2012) and then President of the College (2012-2015). As a retired Surgeon and Past President of the RCSEd, he has knowledge of the NHS and skills in medical education, leadership and management that will support the work of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde as it faces major changes in healthcare delivery in the 21st century and following the extraordinary event that is the Covid-19 pandemic.

Rona Sweeney brings significant experience of public leadership and governance at Board level. She has over 30 years' experience within the criminal justice sector in Scotland serving as a Prison Governor and as Director of Prisons on the Board of the Scottish Prison Service. In this role she was responsible for the performance of public sector prisons and areas including forensic psychology and operational readiness. Rona currently uses her experience in making risk based decisions in her service as a member of the Parole board for Scotland. Rona has a BSc (Hons) in psychology and a MBA, both from Aberdeen University.

EXTENSION

The extensions will be for nine months and will run from 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

The extensions are regulated by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

REMUNERATION

The extensions are part-time and attract a remuneration of £8,584 per annum for a time commitment of one day per week.

OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

Anne-Marie Monaghan is a Member of the Independent Living Fund and receives remuneration of £177.24 per day, for a time commitment of up to 15 days per annum.

Ian Ritchie is a Member of Her Majesty's Commissioner, The Queen Victoria School Dunblane which has a time commitment of one day per month and is not remunerated.

Rona Sweeney is a Member of the Parole Board for Scotland for which she receives remuneration of £218 per day for a time commitment of at least 10 days per month.

Alan Cowan, Jacqueline Forbes and John Matthews do not hold any other public appointments.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity within the last five years (if there is any to be declared) to be made public.

Alan Cowan, Jacqueline Forbes, John Matthews, Anne-Marie Monaghan, Ian Ritchie and Rona Sweeney have had no political activity in the last five years.

BACKGROUND

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is the largest health system in Scotland and one of the largest in the UK. It is responsible for meeting the health needs of around 1.14m people living in the area, and provides a comprehensive range of community and hospital based services for the population.