

Meeting date:**Agenda item:****Paper number:****Title:**

SHTG Council Minutes from 4 Oct 2021

Purpose:

FOR INFORMATION

Background

This paper reports the minutes of the previous meeting.

Action required

Review for accuracy and approve.

Minutes

Scottish Health Technologies Group

Date 4 Oct 2021 13:00-14:30

Venue: MS Teams

Attendance

Council Members

1. **Dr Neil Smart**, Council Chair, Consultant Anaesthetist, NHS GG&C
2. **Dr Ali Mehdi**, Council Vice Chair, Consultant Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgeon, NHS Borders
3. **Mr Edward Clifton**, SHTG Unit Head, HIS
4. **Dr Safia Qureshi**, Director of Evidence, Evidence
5. **Dr Rodolfo Hernandez**, Health Economic Research Unit (HERU), University of Aberdeen
6. **Dr Karen Facey**, Evidence Based Health Policy Consultant
7. **Mr Mark Cook**, Director of Re-imbursement and Government Affairs, Assn. of British Healthcare Industries
8. **Mr Colin Marsland**, Director of Finance, NHS Shetland
9. **Ms Claire Fernie**, HIS Public Partner
10. **Mr Hugh Stewart**, HIS Public Partner
11. **Ms Katie Hislop**, Policy Lead – Health Technologies, Planning and Quality Directorate, Scottish Government
12. **Ms Karen MacPherson**, Lead Health Service Researcher, HIS

Apologies

1. **Dr Laura Ryan**, Executive Director (Medical Director NHS24) OOH GP, Scottish Patient Safety Fellow
2. **Dr Paul Campbell**, Council Vice Chair, Clinical Director, NHS National Services Scotland

Observers

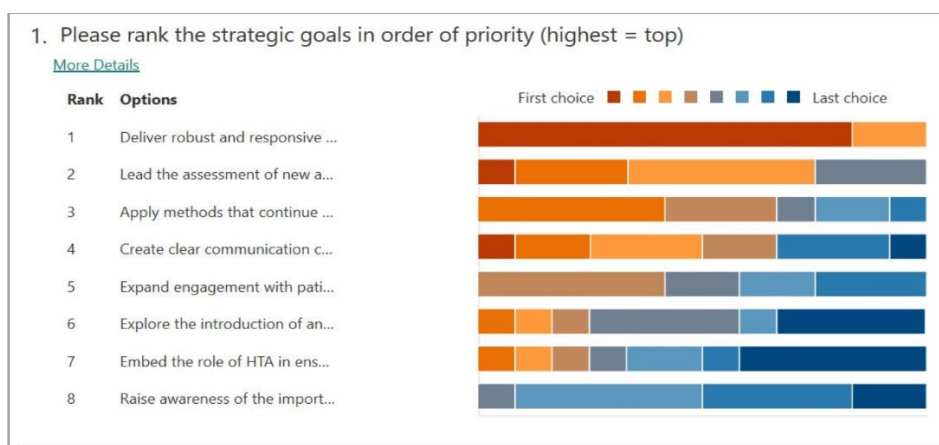
No observers present

Organisers

Jess Kandulu, Programme Manager, SHTG Team, HIS
Stuart Waugh, Project Officer, SHTG Team, HIS
Shona Cowan, Admin Officer, SHTG Team HISTh

Item No	Item	Action
Opening Business		
1	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <p>The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and noted that there no technology reviews scheduled for this meeting. The meeting is an opportunity to discuss SHTG's contribution to the remobilisation and redesign of healthcare, outline our proposed future strategy, and invite feedback and comment.</p> <p>Ralph Roberts is demitting his role having served on the Council for 5 years. The Council noted thanks to Ralph and and we will work to obtain a replacement.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies noted from Paul Campbell and Laura Ryan.</p> <p>The meeting was noted as quorate.</p> <p><i>Quorum is 50% plus one member.</i></p>	
SHTG contribution to the remobilisation/redesign of health and care		
3	<p>SHTG Strategy 2021-25 Ed Clifton</p> <p>EC gave introduction to SHTG Strategy for 2021-25 – and presented strategic goals to members. There was rich discussion regarding the content of the strategy. The main themes of the conversation were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whether the goals were aspirational, or business as usual. - Consideration of safety within HTA components - Resourcing for the proposed activities. - Whether goals could be usefully combined - Highlighting focus on digital technologies <p>Members comments were noted down and will be responded to directly,</p> <p>The strategy document can be found here https://shtg.scot/what-we-do/our-strategy/</p>	
4	<p>Discussion – strategy priorities – Ali Mehdi</p> <p>Ali Mehdi led members' discussion on the strategy. In order to help guide the work of SHTG, Council members took part in an engagement exercise to rank SHTG's strategic goals in order of priority.</p> <p>The results are illustrated in the chart below, and listed for ease of reference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Deliver robust and responsive advice to inform decision making across health and care in Scotland 2 Lead the assessment of new and innovative health technologies (including digital) in Scotland 3 Apply methods that are fit for purpose 	

- 4 Create clear communication channels for the consideration of health technologies across boards
- 5 Expand engagement with patient orgs., service users, the public, SG, industry and academia
- 6 Explore the introduction of an 'early HTA advice'function.
- 7 Embed the role of HTA in ensuring the safe, equitable and sustainable use of health technologies
- 8 Raise awareness of the importance of health technologies, and their assessment, towards improving people's health and care in Scotland



A number of general points were raised, relating to: available resource; number and breadth of goals; and promotion of strategy as part of our role within the health technologies landscape.

5 SHTG Work Programme

Covid 19 Response – Safia Qureshi

Safia Qureshi presented the Evidence Directorate's contribution to the COVID-19 response over the previous 16 months, including how this had affected business as usual for SHTG and other teams across the directorate. Examples of Evidence support included COVID-19 emergency response team, supporting the Scottish Government Clinical Cell, and community testing. Safia noted her thanks to the SHTG team, and noted that SHTG's work would continue to support the next phase of health and care remobilisation.

6 Discussion – members' priority topics

Ali Mehdi led members' discussion to help guide SHTG's remobilisation. Policy makers, decision-making groups, and service providers were noted to be high priority in terms of engagement over the coming months. Key priority areas for members included the continued response to COVID-19, mental health, and routine and planned care.

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Health technologies policy

Framework for board's consideration

Katie Hislop, Policy Lead from SG presented plans for collaborating with SHTG. She highlighted quarterly policy workshops hosted by SG that members would be welcome to attend.

(Next meeting 09.30 – 11.00 on 6 Oct 2021)

KH will send slides and Council can provide comments.

Council business

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Chair's update report

NS – Noted the strategy is aligned to HIS Strategy and Covid 19 response.

EC – Notified Council that Hernia Mesh paper will be sent by email for comment.

Closing Business

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The SHTG Unit Head gave a warm thank you to the Chair and the Council.

Date and time of next meeting

Monday 6 December 2021 13.00 – 16:00 MS Teams
Monday 22 March 2022 13.00 – 16:00 MS Teams

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