

Chair's Report Manx Care Board Meeting in Public

23 November 2021

The Board Meeting

This is our third public Board meeting and it is good to expect such full attendance in person once more. Covid restrictions again limit the number of spaces for the public to attend in person but we are aware that many people watch the broadcast of the meeting, either live or at a time to suit them. Accountability and openness are features of Manx Care that are very important to us and we will look to find new ways to engage with the public.

Island visits

This is my 8th visit and I'm very happy to be able to see so many of the important locations and meet people face to face. Since the last Public Board meeting I have met many people and visited many locations including Peel GP Practice, Ramsay GP practice, Ramsay Hospital, the new Minister and team, newly elected MHKs, GTS, Snaefell Surgery, Finch Hill Health Centre, Jackie Betteridge and the Crossroads team, Sue Gowing and Andrew Cole from the HSCC and the Nobles Pathology department led by Dr Khan and Steve Doyle.

New Minister and Team

Following the election on 26 September it was good to host an early visit from the new first Minister, Alf Cannan. We have also had several meetings with new Health Minister Lawrie Hooper and his Departmental team of Ann Corlett MHK, Joney Faragher MHK, Dr Michelle Haywood MHK and Tanya August-Hansen, MLC. On 8th November we also held two well-attended sessions to meet newly appointed MHKs, brief them on how to work with Manx Care and answer their initial questions.

Andrew Foster 23 November 2021