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1. Schedule of Decisions Reserved for Full Board

The following items may only be approved by decision of the full Board:

Item	Description
1.1	Updates and changes to Board Standing Orders
1.2	The establishment, terms of reference, reporting arrangements and membership of Board Committees
1.3	Scheme of Delegation (SoD)
1.4	All strategic plans relating to Dumfries and Galloway wide services or major service changes proposed for locality services with the approval of the Integrated Joint Board
1.5	Approval of NHS Board's Annual Delivery Plan and Tactical Priorities.
1.6	The annual revenue budget and three year financial plan;
1.7	The 5 year capital plan, the annual capital budget, and individual business cases over £500,000
1.8	Approval of the Annual report and accounts
1.9	Acquisition and disposal of any land and property by Dumfries and Galloway Health Board (DGHB) and recommendations to the Scottish Government relating to the closure or change of use of hospitals
1.10	Variation to a Private Finance Initiative (PFI)/Not for Profit Distribution (NPD) contract agreement
1.11	Authority to commit revenue expenditure for which no provision has been made in approved plans/budgets > £1m
1.12	Approval of Capital Business Cases £0.5m - £3m within Scottish Government (SG) delegated limits
1.13	Approval of Capital Business Cases > £3m to go forward to Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorate (SGHSCD) for approval
1.14	Temporary Governance Arrangements for Board and Standing Committees in light of an emergency situation
1.15	Approval of Integrated Joint Board (IJB) Directions in line with Framework for Approval of Implementation Plans for IJB Directions

2. Schedule of Delegation arising from Extraordinary Events

Where an urgent decision is required that cannot, without loss to the organisation, wait until the next Board but is outwith the normal delegated limits, the Chief Executive will consult with the Chair. The Chair, having regard to the materiality of the issue will call a Special Board meeting.

3. Authority Delegated to Board Standing Committees	
Item	Audit and Risk Committee
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assurance that all aspects of financial governance and internal control is managed effectively • Provide assurance that there is a comprehensive risk management system in place • Provide assurance that Information Governance is managed effectively • Oversee all audit arrangements • Approval of all Audit Plans, including those submitted by Audit Scotland • Approval of changes to Standing Financial Instructions (SFI's) • Approval of minor changes to the Scheme of Delegation which do not change the underlying intention. • Approval of changes to bank account signatories • Approval of the Board's accounting policies • Approval of the Counter Fraud policies and arrangements for special investigations
Performance and Resource Committee	
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the Board meets its obligations across a range of activities including, financial governance, value for money on investments, delivery of best value • Provide assurance that financial and operational risk is managed effectively • Review and Scrutiny of Post Project evaluation of Projects >£5m in advance of submission to NHS Board and SGHSCD. • Ensure the Board meets obligations by ensuring oversight of financial and operational performance and delivery against planned budgets • Provide assurance that all corporate risk related to its remit are properly scrutinised and give oversight to the development of appropriate financial and operational strategies and plans • Oversight of the Boards Climate Emergency and Sustainability Programme Board and associated climate change targets • Provide oversight and monitor a range of activities including: Revenue and Capital plans; plans to achieve financial balance; Tactical Priorities in relation to the delivery of sustainable service models; delivery of Best Value; outcomes from Board Investment decisions; performance in relation to Annual Operational Plans, Remobilisation Plans and targets; remedial action plans required to achieve or rectify financial or operational performance; progress of capital projects; effectiveness of systems that are in place for the delivery of procurement
Staff Governance Committee/Remuneration Sub Committee	
3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions relating to Executive and Senior Managers' pay, in line with extant Scottish Government guidance and direction • Ensure appropriate structures and processes are in place in relation to Staff Governance matters to provide assurance to the Board

3. Authority Delegated to Board Standing Committees	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assurance that Staff Governance risks are adequately controlled
Healthcare Governance Committee	
3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review major reports into NHS system failings to identify the implications for locally provided services and to endorse action plans for correcting any perceived deficiencies • To provide assurance that systems and structures are in place to effectively manage a number of areas including clinical governance, healthcare associated infections, quality improvement, adverse incidents, public protection and child protection • Provide assurance that non-financial risk is managed effectively • Oversight of the Spiritual Care Committee, which is chaired by the Medical Director
Public Health Committee	
3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing assurance to the NHS Board that public health governance is being discharged in relation to the Board's statutory duty for quality of care and protection and improvement of the health of the population • To have oversight of the development and implementation of work at strategic, tactical and operational levels to underpin a system wide approach to addressing the Public Health Priorities, with a specific focus on improving population health and wellbeing and addressing inequalities • Ensuring there is development and implementation of work that relates to the health protection, immunisation and screening functions of public health • Monitoring key public health measures with a clear focus on inequalities • Providing leadership to reshape NHS Dumfries and Galloway services to have a greater emphasis on prevention, early intervention and tackling inequalities • Promoting effective partnership working arrangements ensuring a whole a whole systems approach between NHS Dumfries and Galloway, the Health and Social Care Partnership, the Local Authority, the Community Planning Partnership and thematic partnerships, Third Sector and local Communities to improve population health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities • Receiving updates on both direct and indirect impacts of COVID-19 on population health and wellbeing and providing assurance to NHS Board that all necessary steps to contain COVID-19 are in place • Providing leadership and advocacy for public health work in Dumfries and Galloway

4. Authority Delegated to Other Groups	
Item	Board Management Team
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve all non-workforce related policies. All policies should be developed in accordance with the Policy Management Policy and available on Beacon To approve items in relation to the Capital Plan that have been escalated from the Strategic Capital Programme Board (SCPB), including Post Project Evaluations, leases for property etc
	Area Partnership Forum
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve all workforce related policies
	Strategic Capital Programme Board
4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational Delivery of the Capital Plan Approval of Capital Business Cases < £0.5m Post Project Evaluation for Capital Projects. Scottish Capital Investment Manual (SCIM) guidance promotes best practice in all projects, process to be agreed by Board Management Team (BMT) depending on size, nature and nature of project. Projects over £1.5m will require onward circulation to NHS Board and SGHSCD as set out in SCIM following approval at BMT. Leases for Property, Equipment and vehicles (non lease cars) any value. Must now follow capital approval route with introduction of IFRS16. See also 16.3 (signing of a property lease).

5. Schedule of Nominated Deputies

Under normal circumstances the following deputising arrangements would be in place and are authorised to act on behalf of the lead post holder unless specifically stated otherwise in the Scheme of Delegation. Where alternative arrangements are also in place these will be stated. Under special circumstances the Director/senior manager may nominate a different deputy; this should be reported to the Corporate Business Manager for reporting to the Board retrospectively.

This schedule includes all Board Directors who report directly to the Chief Executive as Accountable Officer and includes the Chief Operating Officer. The use of the word Director generically in this document relates only to those included in this table. Where a Director is in post on an interim appointment, unless specified otherwise, will have delegated authority as set out in this document.

Executive Directors

Authorised to act on their behalf for all Board duties including a voting member at Board and Board Committee meetings.

Lead Post	Authorised Deputy
Chief Executive	Medical Director – Voting Duties Chief Operating Officer – Operational duties
Director of Finance	Deputy Director of Finance
Medical Director	Deputy Medical Director
Director of Public Health	Consultant in Public Health
Director of Nursing and Midwifery	Deputy Nurse Director

Senior Managers

Authorised to act on their behalf for all Board duties including representing at Board and Board Committee meetings

Chief Operating Officer	Deputy Chief Operating Officer
Workforce Director	Deputy Workforce Director

6. General Delegations				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to	Delegated further to	Constraints/Reference
6.1	Preparation of Corporate Objectives and Tactical Priorities	Chief Executive	Not to be further delegated	All changes must be approved by NHS Board.
6.2	Update and changes to Standing Orders	Chief Executive	Corporate Business Manager	All changes must be approved by NHS Board.
6.3	Responsibility for preparation and update of Scheme of Delegation	Chief Executive	Director of Finance	All changes must be approved by NHS Board.
6.4	Responsibility for preparation and update of Standing Financial Instructions	Director of Finance	Deputy Director of Finance	All changes must be approved by NHS Audit and Risk Committee.
6.5	Preparation of Annual Delivery Plan (excluding associated financial plan)	Chief Operating Officer	Director of Strategic Planning and Transformation - preparation	Supported by financial plan prepared by Director of Finance.
6.6	Delivery against Annual Delivery Plan	Chief Operating Officer	Deputy Chief Operating Officer - Delivery	
6.7	Preparation of Annual Delivery Plan – Financial Plan	Director of Finance		
6.8	Implementation of IJB Directions	Chief Executive Officer	Chief Operating Officer	In line with Framework for Approval of Implementation Plans for Directions paper approved by Board in June 2022.
6.9	Internal Audit	Chief Internal Auditor	Not to be further delegated.	Overseen by NHS Audit and Risk Committee.
6.10	Fraud	Fraud Liaison Officer	Not to be further delegated.	Overseen by NHS Audit and Risk Committee.

6. General Delegations				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to	Delegated further to	Constraints/Reference
6.11	Management of Endowments	Director of Finance		As detailed in Endowment Charter, Standing Orders and Fund Operating Procedures. The Endowments are a separately run charity and therefore have their own arrangements.
6.12	Maintenance of Register for Interests for all Staff and Board Members	Chief Executive	Corporate Business Manager	Only Board Members Register of Interests is published.
6.13	Maintenance of Register of gifts/hospitality and interest in contracts.	Chief Executive	Corporate Business Manager	
6.14	Policies and Procedures – All	Chief Executive	Relevant Director	All policies and procedures should be maintained in accordance with the policy document and available on Beacon. Approval through either BMT or Area Partnership Forum (APF) in line with Policy Management Policy.

7. Signing of Documents				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to	Delegated further to	Constraints/ Reference
7.1	Execution of documents on behalf of Scottish Ministers relating to property transactions	Chief Executive and Director of Finance collectively.	Not to be further delegated.	All signatures to be in accordance with the Property Transactions Manual.
7.2	Signing any legal document/commitment /contract/deed/ binding agreement in NHS Board name lifetime value < £250k	For NHS Corporate areas this is delegated to the Executive Directors and Senior managers as designated in Section 4. For directorates delegated to the Partnership which fall under the management of the Chief Operating Officer this is further delegated to the relevant General Manager.	Not to be further delegated.	If two signatures required, for NHS Corporate areas the designated deputies as per Section 4 should be used as the first signatory. If unavailable then another Director or Deputy can be used. If two signatures required, for directorates delegated the designated deputy as per Section 4 could be used as the second signatory or another General Manager.
7.3	Signing legal commitment /contract/ deed/binding agreement in NHS Board name lifetime value > £250k	Chief Executive or Director of Finance		A summary report should be provided to allow signing. If two signatures required, one must be from section 7.2.

8. Financial Governance				
Financial Planning, Budgets and Budgetary Control – Revenue				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
8.1	Preparation of Financial Plans	Director of Finance	To be specifically nominated in event of extended absence	Approval required by NHS Board.
8.2	Budget Setting for NHS Board	Director of Finance		Limit as set in context of agreed Financial Plan.
8.3	Delegation of directorate budgets	Directors	Per authorised signatory database	With the approval of the Director of Finance and documented in the Authorised Signatory Database.
8.4	Financial governance compliance – with SFI's and SoD	Director of Finance	Deputy Director of Finance	Oversight by Audit and Risk Committee.
8.5	Waivers to SFI's and SoD	Director of Finance	Deputy Director of Finance	Oversight by Audit and Risk Committee.
8.6	Virement of approved delegated budgets between pays and non pays or between directorate areas <£100k	General Manager, Relevant Director and Divisional Finance Manager		
8.7	Virement of approved delegated budgets between pays and non pays or between directorate areas >£100k	General Manager or Relevant Director and Director of Finance		Divisional Finance Manager should be involved in discussion prior to taking to BMT or Health and Social Care Leadership Team for support before approaching Director of Finance.
8.8	Re-utilisation of underspends arising as a result of a vacancy	Director of Finance		All underspends on pays will be returned centrally and used towards non-recurring flexibility and reported through Financial Recovery Board (FRB). There is no delegated authority to re-use this for an alternative purpose.

8. Financial Governance				
Financial Planning, Budgets and Budgetary Control – Revenue				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
8.9	Authority to commit revenue expenditure for which no provision has been made in approved plans/budgets < £0.5m	Chief Executive or Director of Finance	None	Subject to confirmation of revenue affordability.
8.10	Authority to commit revenue expenditure for which no provision has been made in approved plans/budgets £0.5m - £1m	Director of Finance and Chief Executive	None	Subject to confirmation of revenue affordability and reporting items above £0.5m to the Board. FRB has been established to review all spend requests beyond budget.
8.11	Authority to commit revenue expenditure for which no provision has been made in approved plans/budgets > £1m	NHS Board	None	Subject to confirmation of revenue affordability.
8.12	Setting of Fees and Charges Private patients, overseas visitors, income generation and other patient related services	Deputy Director of Finance	Divisional Finance Manager	
8.13	Approval to award GP Improvement Grants < £10k	Head of Primary Care Services	Divisional Finance Manager responsible for Primary Care	Grants must be within budgetary limits and in liaison with Finance Manager.
8.14	Approval to award GP Improvement Grants > £10k	Director of Finance and Chief Operating Officer		Grants must be within budgetary limits and in liaison with Finance Manager.
8.15	Funding Offers for GP premises developments (reimbursement) of any value	Chief Executive or Chief Operating Officer	None	Grants must be within budgetary limits, in line with Asset Management Strategy and latest Primary Care Premises Guidance and in liaison with Finance Manager.

8. Financial Governance				
Financial Planning, Budgets and Budgetary Control – Revenue				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
8.16	Patients Travel including ex gratia claims	Director of Finance	Deputy Director of Finance Manager Divisional Finance Managers	In line with NHS travel scheme and local policy. Ex gratia payments to be in line with losses and special payments section.

8. Financial Governance				
Financial Planning, Budgets and Budgetary Control - Capital				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
8.17	Preparation of Capital Plan	Director of Finance		Approval required by NHS Board
8.18	Preparation of Capital Business Cases of any value	Chief Operating Officer/Executive Lead as appropriate	General Manager for the area responsible	Require to follow SCIM guidance and instruction issued by BMT.
8.19	Approval of Capital Business Cases < £0.5m	Strategic Capital Programme Board	None	Business cases may be escalated to BMT.
8.20	Approval of Capital Business Cases £0.5m - £3m within SG delegated limits	NHS Board	None	Approval required by SCPB before submission to Board.
8.21	Approval of Business Cases above SG delegated limit > £3m	NHS Board then on to SGHSCD Capital Investment Group.	None	Require to follow instruction issued by SCPB depending on nature of bid – replacement/service change. Approval required by Board prior to submission to SG.
8.22	Leases for Property, Equipment and vehicles (non lease cars) any value	Board Management Team	None	Must now follow capital approval route with introduction of IFRS16. See also 16.3 (signing of a property lease).

8. Financial Governance				
Financial Planning, Budgets and Budgetary Control - Capital				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
8.23	Operational Delivery of Capital Plan	Strategic Capital Programme Board		
8.24	Lease Car Contracts any value	Director of Finance		<p>Only after lease car approval process has been completed whereby General Manager signs off request and Finance Manager signs off lease car value for money as compared to travel.</p> <p>Operation of lease car scheme must be in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Scottish Government. With new arrangements approved by the Remuneration Sub Committee of the Staff Governance Committee.</p>
8.25	Post Project Evaluation for Capital Projects	Strategic Capital Programme Board and escalation to Board Management Team as appropriate		Projects over £1.5m will require onward circulation to NHS Board/Performance Committee and SGHSCD as set out in SCIM following approval at BMT.
8.26	Process and physical disposal of Assets	Director of Finance	General Manager – Facilities and Clinical Support Services (physical disposal only)	

8. Financial Governance				
Quotes/Tenders/ Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU)				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
8.27	Issue of quick quotes/tenders/OJEU through the Procurement Portal	Procurement Team and Relevant Officers	None	All users of portal require to be set up by Procurement Manager in line with authorised list.
8.28	Award of quotes/tender/OJEU when the most economically advantageous return is being sought	Procurement Team and Relevant Officers	None	All awards over £50k are reported to Audit and Risk Committee and ones over £250k are included in minute so can be seen at escalation of minutes to Board.
8.29	Acceptance of quotes/tender/OJEU when the most economically advantageous return is not being sought for award	Chief Executive or Director of Finance		Any such awards require authorisation in advance, a report should be produced to seek authorisation. All are reported to Audit and Risk Committee.
8.30	Undertake post tender negotiations	Relevant Manager	None	To be confined to clarification of any points, no price changes are allowed.

8. Financial Governance				
Banking				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
8.31	Maintenance and operation of bank accounts	Director of Finance		Subject to appointment of Bankers by Board where not determined nationally.
8.32	Authorised bank signatories.	Director of Finance	Designated Officers as per current list approved by Audit and Risk Committee	Additions to the list requires authorisation of the Audit and Risk Committee. The Director of Finance may delete all or part of an authorised signatory list.
8.33	Exchequer/Patient Funds/Endowments Cheque signatories Payments	<£5k One >£5k Two authorised signatories	None	Designated Officers as per current list approved by Audit and Risk Committee.
Other				
8.34	Maintenance and operation detailed financial systems	Director of Finance		
8.35	Insurance	Director of Finance		Clinical Negligence and Other Risks Scheme (CNORIS) and all other insurance matters.
8.36	Stock Control	Director of Finance	Designated Officer	Finance maintain a list of key contacts who are responsible for stock control within their department
8.37	Operation of staff benefit schemes	Workforce Director and Director of Finance	None	In accordance with any guidelines issued by the Scottish Government and approved by the Joint Negotiating Committee.

9. Losses and Special Payments			
This section is per Scottish Government and are all reported through SFR18 as part of annual accounts submissions			
All losses and special payments are presented to Audit and Risk Committee for either information or approval depending on value			
Item	Category	A&R Committee and SGHSCD	Chief Executive or Director of Finance
Theft/Arson/Wilful Damage			
1	Cash	> 15,000	<15,000
2	Stores/Procurement	> 30,000	<30,000
3	Equipment	> 15,000	<15,000
4	Contracts	> 15,000	<15,000
5	Payroll	> 15,000	<15,000
6	Buildings and Fixtures	> 30,000	<30,000
7	Other	> 15,000	<15,000
Fraud/Embezzlement/Corruption/Theft (where documentation has been falsified), and attempts to perpetrate any of these activities			
8	Cash	> 15,000	<15,000
9	Stores/Procurement	> 30,000	<30,000
10	Equipment	> 15,000	<15,000
11	Contracts	> 15,000	<15,000
12	Payroll	> 15,000	<15,000
13	Other	> 15,000	<15,000
14	Nugatory and Fruitless Payments	> 15,000	<15,000
Claims Abandoned			
15(a)	Private Accommodation	> 15,000	<15,000
15(b)	Road Traffic Acts	> 30,000	<30,000
15(c)	Other	> 15,000	<15,000
Stores Losses			
16	Incidents of Service: Fire, Flood, Accident	> 30,000	<30,000
17	Deterioration in Store	> 30,000	<30,000
18	Stocktaking Discrepancies	> 30,000	<30,000
19	Other Causes	> 30,000	<30,000
20	Disclosed at Physical Check	> 15,000	<15,000
Losses of Furniture and Equipment and Bedding and Linen in circulation			
21	Incidents of Service: Fire, Flood, Accident	> 15,000	<15,000

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All losses and special payments are presented to Audit and Risk Committee for either information or approval depending on value			
Item	Category	A&R Committee and SGHSCD	Chief Executive or Director of Finance
22	Other Causes	> 15,000	<15,000
Compensation Payments - legal obligation			
23	Clinical	> 250,000	<250,000
24	Non Clinical	> 100,000	<100,000
Ex-gratia Payments			
25	Extra-contractual Payments	> 15,000	<15,000
26	Compensation Payments - Ex Gratia - Clinical	> 250,000	<250,000
27	Compensation Payments - Ex Gratia – Non-Clinical	> 100,000	<100,000
28	Compensation Payments - Ex Gratia - Financial Loss	> 25,000	<25,000
29	Other Payments	> 2,500	<2,500
Damage to Buildings and Fixtures			
30	Incidents of Service: Fire, Flood, Accident, Other Causes	> 30,000	<30,000
Other			
31	Extra-Statutory and Extra-Regulatory Payments	Nil	Nil
32	Gifts in Cash or Kind	> 15,000	<15,000
33	Other Losses	> 15,000	<15,000

SGHSCD approval is granted in advance and reported for noting to Audit and Risk Committee for Compensation Payments. This is required until SGHSCD revise approval categories noted in table above.

10. Staff Governance				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
10.1	Implementation of Staff Governance Standards	Workforce Director		
10.2	Preparation of Human Resources Plan, policy and strategy	Workforce Director		
10.3	Preparation of Human Resources policies and procedures	Workforce Director		Approval required through Area Partnership Forum.
10.4	Preparation of Contracts of Employment	Workforce Director		Compliance with current legislation and agreed terms and conditions.
10.5	Executive and Senior Manager pay – implementation of terms and condition/performance pay	Workforce Director		Compliance with current legislation and agreed terms and conditions. Requires approval by Remuneration Committee.
10.6	Preparation and implementation of whistle blowing standards	Medical Director		A review ongoing to confirm where this reports from a Committee perspective.
10.7	Approval of Medical Practitioners for the purposes of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003	Medical Director		
10.8	Appointment of Consultants with the purpose of the adherence to The National Health Service (Appointment of Consultants) (Scotland) Regulations 2009	Medical Director		Authority to the Medical Director is in the role of assessment panel chair for the appointment of consultants.

11. Healthcare Governance				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
11.1	Approval of research and development studies including associated clinical trials and indemnity agreements for commercial studies	Medical Director		Ethics Committee approval required.
11.2	Preparation of Patients Complaints Policy	Director of Nursing and Midwifery	Director of Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)	All policies approved by BMT.
11.3	Monitoring arrangements and reporting of complaints	Director of Nursing and Midwifery	Director of AHPs	Healthcare Governance Committee.
11.4	Compliance and adherence to national standards in healthcare acquired infection	Director of Nursing and Midwifery	Infection Control Manager	Link to Healthcare Governance and Infection Control Committee.
11.5	Compliance and adherence to national standards in decontamination	Director of Nursing and Midwifery	Infection Control Manager/General Manager Operational Services	Link to Healthcare Governance and Infection Control Committee.

12. Public Health				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
12.1	Health Protection strategies and information dissemination	Director of Public Health		Link to Primary and Community Care Directorates. Key role of Public Health Committee to support this work.
12.2	Health Improvement strategies and information dissemination	Director of Public Health		Link to Primary and Community Care Directorates. Key role of Public Health Committee to support this work.
12.3	Public Health information dissemination	Director of Public Health		Link to Primary and Community Care Directorates. Key role of Public Health Committee to support this work. Work is supported through the Community and Engagement team.

13. Information Governance				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
13.1	Responsibility for Information Management Systems and Strategy	Chief Operating Officer	General Manager – Information Communication Technology (ICT)	Clinical Responsibility through e-health Clinical Leads and eHealth Committees within Directorates

13. Information Governance				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
13.2	Data Protection and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)	Chief Operating Officer	Head of Information Governance	The Head of Information Governance is able to enforce compliance with all current Data Protection legislation. Work is led and supported through the Information Governance Committee.
13.3	Caldicott Guardian	Medical Director	Consultant in Public Health Medicine	
13.4	Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002	Chief Executive	Corporate Business Manager	The Freedom of Information (FOI) Policy sets out the process for handling and approving requests.
13.5	Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO)	Medical Director	Head of Information Governance	

14. Risk Management				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
14.1	Preparation, development, monitoring and implementation of Risk Management Strategy	Director of Nursing and Midwifery	Patient Safety and Improvement Manager/Risk Manager	Role of Risk Exec Group in supporting the development and monitoring of the strategy. Required to be approved by NHS Board.
14.2	Preparation and Management of Corporate Risk Register	Chief Executive	Director of Nursing and Midwifery /Risk Manager	Regular reporting of risks agreed through NHS Board and relevant Board Committees.
14.3	Directorate, tactical and operational risk registers	Relevant Director	Relevant risk owners	
14.4	Health and Safety – staff	Chief Executive	Workforce Director	Accountable to the Corporate Health and Safety Committee.
14.5	Health and Safety - buildings	Chief Executive	Chief Operating Officer	Accountable to the Corporate Health and Safety Committee.
14.6	Fire Safety and Security	Chief Executive	Chief Operating Officer	
14.7	Preparation and maintenance of a comprehensive Emergency Plan	Chief Executive	Emergency Planning Manager	
14.8	Preparation and maintenance of Business Continuity Plans	Chief Executive	Chief Operating Officer/All Directors for their areas of responsibility	Supported by Emergency Planning Manager.

15. Contracting for Patient Services, Access and Performance Management				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
15.1	Responsibility for ensuring that adequate funds are available to pay for services outwith NHS Dumfries and Galloway'	Chief Executive and Director of Finance	None	
15.2	Waiting Times	Chief Operating Officer	Relevant General Manager	Within overall budgetary limits.
15.3	Approval of Exceptional Referrals including Non Contracted Activity and Unplanned Activity	Medical Director	Consultant in Public Health	Where other agreements do not exist, must be within the budgets approved by the Board where clinically appropriate. The Medical Director (or delegated deputy) chairs the Exceptional Referral Panel which meets to approve all cases.
15.4	Resource Transfer Agreements	Chief Executive	Director of Finance	In accordance with appropriate guidance.
15.5	Public Information on access to services	Chief Operating Officer	Communication and Engagement Manager	
15.6	Procedure for patients who wish to appeal against clinical decisions on their continuing care	Medical Director	Associate Medical Director (Medical)	Chief Executive Letter (CEL) 6(2008)

15. Contracting for Patient Services, Access and Performance Management				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
15.7	Regional Planning Group Decisions	Chief Executive		<p>The Chief Executive will have authority (which may be delegated on a case by case basis) to commit the Board to the decisions of a Regional Planning Group acting in accordance with Health Dept Letter (HDL) (2004)46 and its own agreed constitution and procedures. In exercising this authority, the Chief Executive will, wherever possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bring to the Board, in advance of a Regional Planning Group decision, any issue which, had it been a purely local issue, would be of such financial magnitude or service impact, that it would have been a decision reserved for the Board. This is to ensure that on matters of strategic importance, the views of the full Board can be represented, via the Chief Executive, to the Regional Planning Group. - communicate to the next available Board any Regional Planning decision which cannot be covered by approved budget or reserves

16. Property Related Delegations				
Item	Area of Responsibility/Duties Delegated	Delegated to/ Lead Director	Authorised Deputy different to Sch4	Constraints/ Reference
16.1	Land and Buildings purchase, sale or acquisition	NHS Board	None	Chief Executive can sign paperwork once Board have declared surplus and purchase once approval for business case received. All transactions must be conducted in accordance with the Property Transactions Handbook.
16.2	Management and preparation of property transactions	Director of Finance	General Manager - Facilities and Clinical Support Services	All transactions must be conducted in accordance with the Property Transactions Handbook.
16.3	Signing of a property lease	Chief Executive or Director of Finance		Approval of lease must have been approved by BMT as per 7.2.
16.4	Management of buildings and land	Chief Operating Officer	General Manager - Facilities and Clinical Support Services	In accordance with the Property Transactions Handbook.
16.5	Authorise any leases out where the annual rental does not exceed £50k per annum and the lifetime lease cost does not exceed £200k	Chief Executive or Director of Finance		In accordance with the property transactions handbook. Requires to have been scrutinised at BMT.

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16.6	Approval of using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Framework Scotland - Southwest Hub - Non Profit Distributing for construction project	NHS Board	None	The initial approval of whether a scheme is suitable for this type of methodology for a construction project is a decision which is reserved for Board following review by NHS Dumfries and Galloway's BMT who will scrutinise the proposal.
16.7	PFI/Public Private Partnership (PPP)/NPD arrangements including contract variations and terminations	Chief Executive and Director of Finance	None	All approvals for such arrangements must be subject to a business case to demonstrate value for money and be approved by the Board.