



North West Anglia
NHS Foundation Trust

REPORT TO THE BOARD (PUBLIC)

TITLE	Chairman Update
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PRESENTED FOR	Information

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update the Board on the activities of the Chairman and Non-Executive Directors to support the executive and continue to maintain sufficient oversight of the work of the Trust during COVID-19.

COMMITTEES/SUBGROUP WHERE THIS ITEM HAS BEEN CONSIDERED

N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board are asked to note the contents of this report

STRATEGIC GOALS THIS REPORT SUPPORTS *(Check all that apply)*

Delivering outstanding care and experience	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Recruiting developing and retaining our workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improving and developing our services and infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Working together with local health and social care providers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delivering financial sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Outstanding
Health and Wellbeing



Outstanding
People



Outstanding
Patient Care



Outstanding
Leadership



Outstanding
Communications

RISKS RELEVANT TO THE PAPER

Risk ID	Risk Description
	n/a

OTHER IMPLICATIONS OF THE PAPER

Legal/ Regulatory Relevance:	CQC Regulation 17: Good governance
NHS Constitution Delivery	N/A
Freedom of Information Release	This report can be released under the Freedom of information Act 2000

Equality and Diversity Implications <i>(Check all that apply)</i>								
Age	Gender	Ethnicity	Disability	Pregnancy/ Maternity	Marriage/ Civil Partnership	Religion/ Belief	Sexual Orientation	Gender Reassignment
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<i>Additional comments</i>								

1 Board meetings in public

I am pleased that we are able to hold Board meetings in public again where members of the public are able to observe our Board meetings. Although they are virtual, which has some limitations, it is hoped that moving on-line will give broader connection with the community we serve. Whilst we are currently unable to take live questions at our Board meetings we welcome questions on our Board Papers, 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be recorded and available on the Trust's website after the meeting. It is planned that the Council of Governor meeting will take place online on 8 September 2020.

2 Maintaining assurance

I am also pleased to report that all Board Sub-Committees have returned this month but given the Trust and the Nation are still operating under a Level 4 incident the agendas are focussed on key topics and risks to maintain assurance but also recognise the additional work demands on the organisation and its leadership.

The NEDs are also still receiving additional assurance from virtual meetings with the CEO and myself every 2 weeks plus daily Trust and National communication. Key topics discussed with the CEO have moved on to System working (as we progress through the 'Recovery and Reset' phase), Estate Strategy implementation and Staff engagement and well-being.

3 Triangulation

During COVID-19 the NEDs have sought assurance by triangulating the information they receive through Performance reports, Patient and Staff reports, Complaints, discussions with the Executive Directors and at Board and Board Sub-Committees. Whilst NEDs are currently unable to visit wards, in order to provide additional assurance, the CEO and the Chief Nurse are exploring alternative methods to ensure better visibility of patient experience, staff and the ward environment

4. Board Development

Board development will commence in August and will embed and build on the development and learning from the 19/20 Programme which included:

- Leadership for Improvement
- Risk Management
- Board Effectiveness and Behaviours
- QSIR

To kick off the 20/21 programme our workshop in August will cover:

- Lessons Learned so far from COVID-19
- Risk Management
- Integrated Care

Our External Well Led Review will start in August and feedback will be included in Board Development.

5 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough STP

The Trust continues to support the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough STP which has proved how it can work well as a system during COVID-19. I along with the rest of the Board are keen that the STP focus more on delivery of the topics I have raised in my previous board reports:

- Recognise and address Health inequalities and deprivation
- Develop further System Working and collaboration
- Improve and embed integrated care through the Northern Alliance

6 New Non-Executive Director

I am pleased to announce that Mark Sanderson will be joining the Trust Board as a Non-Executive Director from 1 August 2020. Following a competitive interview process Mark was approved by the Governors on 8 July 2020.

Rob Hughes
Chairman