

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

TITLE	Chairman Update
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DATE OF MEETING	8 September 2020
PRESENTED FOR	Information

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update the Governors 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 and update the Governors on any other matters

COMMITTEES/SUBGROUP WHERE THIS ITEM HAS BEEN CONSIDERED

N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Governors 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

Board meetings recommenced in public on 28 July through MS Teams-Live which enabled the board meeting to be seen online . A recording of the meeting can be seen on the trust website using the attached link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zHVfwu4-DEk>.

Today's Council of Governors meeting is taking place through MS Teams-Live.

2 Maintaining assurance

All Board Sub-Committees have now returned and have been able to provide scrutiny and assurance to the Board through Board Sub-Committee Assurance reports. These reports will also be provided to Council of Governors
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 this month covered;

The Simon Stephens and Amanda Pritchard letter.

Phase 3 - Trust and System Recovery and challenges returning to full capacity and further actions to improve capacity . NEDs are concerned that return to full capacity will not address backlog of patients but also recognised good progress made so far.

Health inequalities where NEDs welcomed the priority this has been given both nationally and in the STP. The Trust will also need to follow through on this.

BAME representation in our Trust, where it was recognised that a strategic approach will be required to improve % of BAME staff in senior leadership position including the Board. This will be progressed through the Trusts response to the NHS People plan.

Increase in A&E attendances at PCH which has led to performance below the 95% 4-hour target. This will be reviewed through People and Performance Committee.

Updates on Capital support for the UTC move to PCH and Hinchingsbrooke re-development. NEDs recognised whilst this is positive news it will require resource , expertise and focus to deliver on time to tight schedules.

Racism incident and follow up actions including support and assurance from a NED.

Alternative and additional ways to gain further Quality assurance which will be agreed at the August QAC.

3. Board Development

The Board Development programme for the remainder of 20/21 recommenced at the August Board Workshop Topics covered were Risk, Integrated Care and Lesson learned from COVID 19.

Progress and outputs from the Risk Workshop will be shared at a Private Governor Workshop later in the year.

A report on Lessons learned will be included in the September Public Board Meeting.

4 Topics from August Private Board Meeting

Key Topics covered in the August Private Board meeting included ;

System recovery plans

Hinchingsbrooke Hospital maintenance and development

The NHS People Plan

Development of these topics will be covered in future Board meetings in Public , Board Sub-Committees and Governor update meetings

5 External Well - Led Review

The External Well - Led review will commence in September and will include observation of our Board meeting and Board sub-committees , Stakeholder feedback and discussion with Focus Groups including a Governor group which I will be liaising with the Lead Governor on.

6 STP Board Meeting in Public

The next STP Board meeting in Public will be held virtually on 21 September 2021 . Details to follow.

7 The Trusts Annual General Meeting 6 October 2020 - 1800 to 1930

This year's AGM will be held virtually through MS Teams- Live. Invitation details will be sent out by the Communication team.

In advance of the AGM , Governors have been invited to receive the 2019/20 External Audit Report from KPMG though MS Teams on **22 September at 1400.**

Rob Hughes
Chairman