

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE PUBLIC BOARD

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 maintain sufficient assurance of the work of the Trust during COVID-19 Recovery Phase and update the Board on any other matters

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"/>



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Health and Wellbeing



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People



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Patient Care



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Leadership



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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 Maintaining assurance

All Board Sub-Committees have now returned to provide scrutiny and assurance to the Board and Council of Governors, Fortnightly meetings with the NEDs and the CEO have continued to ensure more frequent assurance and support during these challenging times. Topics covered include:

Recovery Phase 3 where NEDs have recognised good progress made so far both as a Trust and as a System as we transition to achieve pre-Covid -19 capacity by the end of October as well as treating COVID-19 patients safely. We remain concerned that this will not address the backlog of patients on our waiting lists.

Input into the review of Board Sub-committee structure led by the Company Secretary to ensure clarity on lines of assurance to the Committees and the Board.

Updates on the Urgent Treatment Centre proposed move to Peterborough City Hospital and Hinchingbrooke Hospital re-development where NEDs recognised and support the additional resource, expertise and focus required to deliver on time.

2 A Busy Time ahead for the Trust

Once again, I want to thank our staff for their outstanding response and resilience in providing care for patients in our hospitals over the last 6 months. As we look ahead to the next 6 months, pressure will continue as more challenges lie ahead including:

Recovery to full capacity (mentioned above.)
Preparation for Winter with Covid-19

Preparation for Covid-19 Vaccination (when available)
Continued Covid-19 Testing
Flu Vaccination
Plus, **Preparation for Brexit**

Whilst the Board will continue to provide assurance and support in these areas it is important that the **Health and Well Being of our Staff** is a major focus and that lessons learned over the last 6 months are applied.

3 Board to Ward

I was pleased to return to visiting Wards with Board members and Matrons last week. I appreciated the conversations that we all had with the staff where they shared their stories about working on the wards during the pandemic. I was struck by the importance they all gave to putting patients first, their care and compassion, the importance of working together and their learnings. In short, the Staff are living the Values of the Trust.

I look forward to having more conversations and feedback with our staff in all our hospitals over the coming weeks.

4 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.

5 Momentum in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough STP

With the objective of the formation of an Integrated Care System by 1 April 2021, I have been encouraged with the increased focus and momentum by the STP Board over the last month. We are close to agreeing a clear roadmap and governance structure and I hope to confirm this at our next Board meeting.

6 The Trusts Annual General Meeting 6 October 2020 – 1800 to 1845

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

Rob Hughes
Chairman