

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS (Public Meeting)

TITLE	Chairman Update
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DATE OF MEETING	16 March 2021
PRESENTED FOR	Information

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update the Council Governors on key topics

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"/>



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Health and Wellbeing



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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
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Additional comments</i>								

1 Extremely Challenging time for our Staff

The last 12 months has been an extremely challenging time for our staff with sustained pressure due to COVID-19. They have shown remarkable resilience, flexibility and support for each other. I also want to acknowledge the work of our amazing volunteers and partner organisations inside and outside the Trust. Due to COVID restrictions, Governors and Non-Executive Directors have been unable to visit staff on the wards to encourage and show support in addition to seeking assurance.

Given we will be unable to visit Wards for some time, we will bring Patient and Staff Stories to our future Council of Governor meetings in Public as well as the Board meetings in Public.

2 Maintaining Assurance

Despite the challenges on the organisation, the Non-Executives have been able to maintain assurance through additional monthly meetings with the CEO and myself. Board Sub-committees will continue to meet, with Governor observation, but with focussed agendas. Governor meetings will also continue.

Further assurance from NEDs is now being given at the Board meeting in Public through the Board Sub-Committee Assurance report which has been adapted from the report given to the Council of Governors. Board Sub-Committee Assurance reports from the most recent meetings are included in today's agenda.

3 Transition to an Integrated Care System

The Trust Board along with other System Partners has supported the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough STP application to become an Integrated Care system (ICS). Subject to approval, the transition will commence on 1 April 2021 and be completed by 1 April 2022.

The aim of Integrated care is to increase collaboration between providers, local authorities and the voluntary sector so that patient care can be improved and support the growing demand for care. Interestingly this approach is aligned to the Trust's Vision, set in 2017.

'Working together to be the best at providing outstanding care for local communities'

Almost 60 Governors from the region including those from our Trust attended a MS Teams meeting on 8 March 2021 to receive a briefing on the ICS from the Chair of the STP, Mike More. At the time of writing this report we were still waiting for approval.

Rob Hughes
Chairman