



North West Anglia
NHS Foundation Trust

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS (Public Meeting)

TITLE	Chairman Update
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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



Outstanding
People



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Patient Care



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Leadership



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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 Reducing COVID Pressure on our Hospitals

It is very encouraging to see the number of Patients with COVID-19 decreasing with 11 patients in our hospitals. This is allowing the Trust to bring back more of the elective procedures which is critical to addressing the large waiting lists that have built up during the pandemic.

Whilst the Nation begins to return to a new normality over the next few months with more social interaction, the Trust will continue to ensure we work to Public Health infection control guidelines and as part of this Board meetings, Board sub-committee meetings and Governor meetings will continue to be virtual until further notice.

2 Patient and Staff Stories

Because of COVID I recognise that Governors have not been able to gain further assurance and insight into how we are providing care on the wards through ward visits along with some of the NEDs and Execs. Unfortunately this will continue to be the case for some time but I hope that Patient and Staff Stories at the beginning of our Council of Governor meetings and Board meetings will help partially address this.

3 Update on Integrated Care System

Since the last Council of Governors meeting the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough STP was approved as an Integrated Care system (ICS) on 1 April 2021.

The aim of Integrated care systems 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.

This is a major change for the system and the Trust is involved in the development of the ICS which will have statutory responsibilities from 1 April 2022.

Updates will be provided at each Council of Governor meetings and Board meetings in Public. In addition members of the public can attend the ICS Board meetings in public and the next meeting takes place on 19 May from 1230 to 1500
Details can be found on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICS website link below.

<https://www.fitforfuture.org.uk/events/cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-system-partnership-board-meeting-wednesday-19-may-2021/>

It is important to note that whilst the Trust are members of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICS a large number of our patients reside in South Lincs which is covered by Lincolnshire ICS. Whilst we are not members of the Lincs ICS we recognise the importance of having strong connections with it and have agreed regular meetings between the Trust Leadership, including myself and the CEO and Leadership of S Lincs ICS including its Chair and CEO.

4 Non-Executive Director Update

Following Governor approval, subject to the usual checks Carmel O'Brien will join the Trust in June as our latest NED. She joins us from Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kings Lynn and brings with her nursing leadership experience including Midwifery in NHS Providers and Commissioners.

I also wish to report that following the recommendation from the NED interview panel and supported by Governors, the Board has approved the appointment of Tariro Matanga as a NEXt Director for 12 months as a non-voting member of the Trust Board. She will join us as part of the NEXt Director scheme which is supported by NHS Improvement. Tariro will receive support and development from the Trust and NHS Improvement to help her become a NED in the future. Her background and experience will also add diversity to the Board.

5 Board Learning and Development

Board Learning Development continues in the following areas.

- 1 Learnings from COVID
- 2 Digital and Cyber Security
- 3 Well Led including Risk Management
- 4 Health and Safety
- 5 Development of our Strategy
- 6 Quality Improvement. (QSIR)

6 Congratulations to Nik Johnson

On behalf of the Trust I would like to congratulate Dr Nik Johnson who is a Paediatrician and Staff Governor at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital on being elected as Mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Although Nik will not have responsibility for matters directly relating to the NHS we are keen to work with him on areas which can benefit our staff and patients including Transport, Infrastructure and Housing.

Rob Hughes
Chairman