



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



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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 Welcome to Carmel O'Brien

I am pleased to welcome Carmel O'Brien to the Trust Board as a Non-Executive Director. She brings with her clinical and quality experience most recently as a Director for Quality improvement at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kings Lynn. She will also provide NED assurance to the Board on Maternity

2 Goodbye to Mike Ellwood

Mike leaves us at the end of August after 5 years as a NED. During his time he has been a very effective Chair of the Audit Committee and provided additional assurance and support on Risk Management and Hinchingbrooke Hospital development. Gareth Tipton will take over as Chair of Audit Committee.

3 Cambridge and Peterborough ICS Acute Collaboration

As the Cambridge and Peterborough System transitions to an ICS it is important that providers and partners work more collaboratively for the benefit of the population we serve so we can best utilise our assets and resources. There will be further opportunities for collaboration between acute providers especially between CUHFT and our hospitals e.g. reducing waiting lists, improving care pathways and learning from each other. I am keen to progress this area and in support of this I met with Mike More the Chair of CUHFT this month to gain alignment and support.

4 Meeting with Healthwatch

On 9 August Caroline Walker and I met with the CEO of Healthwatch Cambridge and Peterborough and the CEO of Healthwatch Lincolnshire where we discussed and were assured how they collaborated in representing the views of the public and patients in the communities we serve in all our hospitals. I was encouraged how both

CEOs not only listened and passed on concerns to us from those who raised them but actively sought views from those who do not normally raise issues e.g. in rural areas and some ethnic groups. We also discussed the membership of the Patient Experience group and agreed to confirm it is representative of patients. It was agreed that the next meeting with the CEO will also include the CEO of Healthwatch Rutland. I also plan to invite Laura Stent (Deputy Chief Nurse) who is the Trust's contact for Healthwatch to a future Governor meeting to provide further understanding on Patient Experience and how we work with Healthwatch

5 Board and Governor Development

The Board approved the Board Learning and Development plan at its Private meeting on 10th August 2021. I will share this at our next Governor meeting. Within the plan the Board agreed that there should be a joint learning or development event with the Governors and I will consult further on the appropriate topic. I wish to confirm with Governors that a Governor Learning and Development event will take place at our next meeting in private on 21 September which will be face to face venue to be confirmed.

6 CEO NED updates

I wish to inform Governors that whilst extra challenges on the Trust due to COVID remain monthly briefings between the NEDs and the CEO continue to provide update and assurance and I thank Caroline for continuing to support this and for the quality of her updates.

Rob Hughes
Chairman