

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



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

1. Challenging Environment

As we enter the Winter Period and the final weeks of 2021 the pressures on the Trust is very high and is unlikely to ease as it copes with high COVID-19 levels in both Peterborough City and Hinchingsbrooke Hospitals (the highest level in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough System which is currently taking up circa 100 beds), rising demand for Emergency Care which is also significantly impacting on Ambulances handover of patients. As a result the recovery of non- urgent Elective care is being impacted. Whilst we have plans in place to do all we can to support the care needs of the population we serve, the Board also recognises and does not take for granted the sustained pressure our frontline staff have been under over the last 18 months and the impact this has had on them and the pressures and challenges that exist outside of hospitals in both primary and social Care. We must ensure our staff are supported even more and workloads are prioritised whilst seeking collaboration with our health and social care partners in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System.

2. Transformation

Despite the challenges mentioned above the Trust has made good progress on its Transformation agenda. Looking back over the year at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital , developments have been delivered in the A&E department, plans for new Operating Theatres have been submitted and we await final approval from the Department of Health. The Hospital at Home service piloted at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital enabling patients to receive IV antibiotics at home has been will be rolled out to Peterborough City Hospital this winter. Also at Peterborough City Hospital we have built a new Urgent Treatment Centre to transfer and increase the service previously provided by the City Care Centre. A new Frailty Assessment Unit is being piloted in the hospital to redesign and improve our Frailty services. At our Doddington Hub new ways have been developed to provide outpatient services focussing on One Stop Clinics, surveillance and monitoring including using Ophthalmology and Diagnostic equipment which is hoped to provide an additional 7000 outpatient appointments.

At Peterborough City Care Centre it has been agreed in principle to develop an Integrated Cardiology Hub optimising the skills and expertise of a multidisciplinary team working across primary and secondary care.

At our Stamford Hospital the Minor Injury Unit has re-opened and the Clinical Strategy for the hospital is currently being developed reviewed with our Clinicians and will be shared with Governors with our overall Trust Strategy.

3. Board Learning and Development

As part of the Boards learning and development we meet every 8 weeks to cover topics in support of this. Recent topics have included Cyber Security, Digital Transformation and Safeguarding. At our workshop this month in recognition of new Board members who have joined in the last year and the majority of our meetings being virtual plus the extraordinary challenges facing the Trust we focussed on Board effectiveness and engagement. All found the session very useful and as a result we have a greater aligned understanding on the challenges ahead of the Board and how best to adapt and respond.

4. Governor Effectiveness

The recommendations from the Governor September workshop on how to improve Governor effectiveness were agreed at the Governor meeting in October. Given the imminent elections with new Governors joining the views of new Governors will be taken into account by the end of January 2022 with implementation from February 2022.

Rob Hughes
Chairman