

REPORT TO THE TRUST BOARD (PUBLIC)

REPORT TITLE	Chairman's Update
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Information	For information only. Not to be discussed at meeting unless members have specific questions.
Discussion	For discussion and possibly future decision. This includes items presented for assurance.
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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide update to the Board from the Chair

RISKS RELEVANT TO THE PAPER

Risk ID	Risk Description
N/a	N/a

RISK APPETITE RELEVANT TO THE PAPER (insert relevant section from Risk Appetite Statement from Risk Management Policy)

DOMAIN	TRUST RISK APPETITE LEVEL	DESCRIPTION OF RISK APPETITE
N/a	N/a	N/a

THE BOARD IS ASKED TO:

Note the contents of this report



STRATEGIC GOALS THIS REPORT SUPPORTS *(Check all that apply)*

Delivering outstanding care and experience	X
Recruiting developing and retaining our workforce	X
Improving and developing our services and infrastructure	X
Working together with local health and social care providers	X
Delivering financial sustainability	X

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 *(Check all that apply)*

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. New Chair

After 9 years as your Chair I welcome the appointment of Professor Steve Barnett who will take over from me on 1 April 2022. I have already met with Steve and have future meetings planned in February and March to ensure a smooth handover. His skills and experience are ideally suited to lead the Board in response to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the Trust and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough System.

Whilst I have only 8 weeks remaining in office I want to assure the Board and the Governors that I remain focussed on serving the Trust through what continue to be challenging times

2. Board Learning Development

Despite a very busy and demanding 20/21 I am pleased that we have been able to maintain focus on Learning and Development as a Board. In January we covered the important topic of Quality Improvement (QI) at a workshop facilitated by NHS Elect. Workshops in March will include QI follow up and next steps. The May workshop will include a) Well Led and b) Journey to become Most Capable Provider for the Northern Place facilitated by the Good Governance institute.

3. Governor Learning and Development

As part of ongoing Governor Development and to support their effectiveness and understanding of the role an 'Effective Questioning' Course will take place on 11 February facilitated by NHS Providers. The course is aimed at recently elected Governors but will also be a refresher for all Governors.

4. Recognising the challenges facing our staff

Personally and on behalf of the Board I want to thank all of our staff for how they have responded to the pressures of Winter compounded by COVID. Thank you especially for your flexibility teamwork and resilience and doing all you can to provide care safely to patients in very demanding and limiting circumstances. Looking ahead the Board recognises the need to ensure we keep focus on staff wellbeing, recognition and recruitment and not only work together in our hospitals but also find ways to collaborate more with our partners.

5. Charity Relaunch

I am sure that many in the Trust enjoyed the celebrity launch of the Trust's Charity on 24 January and I congratulate Philip Fearn, Charity Project manager and all those involved for persuading a high profile celebrity (especially those who like Strictly Come Dancing) to become a Patron of the Trust's Charity. I was also impressed by the renewed strategy and plans it has to support the work of the Trust and encourage you all to visit the link on our website <https://www.nwanigliaft.nhs.uk/north-west-anglia-hospitals-charity/>

6. NHS Retirement Fellowship (Peterborough Branch) Annual Lunch

Wellbeing of those staff who have retired from the Trust is also important to me and it was a pleasure once again to join retirees at their Annual Lunch on 10 January to not only share a wonderful lunch with them provided by Students from Peterborough Regional College but to also hear their stories of how they have coped during the pandemic. I can report back that they are in great spirit and many of them still miss the comradery of working for the Trust. The NHS Retirement Fellowship therefore plays an important role when staff retire in sustaining friendships and also building new ones and for staff from all our hospitals planning to retire in the future becoming a member is worth considering. More details can be found by visiting <https://nhsrf.org.uk>

Rob Hughes
Chair