

## REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS (PUBLIC)

<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Chair's Update
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<b>ITEM PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY</b>	n/a

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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 Council of Governors 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**

<b>Legal/ Regulatory Relevance:</b>	CQC Regulation 17 : Good Governance
<b>NHS Constitution Delivery</b>	N/a
<b>Freedom of Information Release</b>	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**

I welcome the appointment of Professor Steve Barnett who will take over from me on 1 April 2022 and to ensure a smooth handover I have had 3 meetings with Steve.

As we enter a new and more complex phase of providing healthcare through increased collaboration with our partners in health and social care in the Integrated Care Systems his skills and experience are ideally suited to lead the Board in response to this and other challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the Trust

**2 Board Learning Development Quality Improvement**

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. As part of the Trust renewed focus on Quality Improvement (QI) the Board has held 2 workshops this year facilitated by NHS Elect in January and by the Trust's QI team on 8 March. I can also report that I met with our newly Qualified and highly motivated QI coaches at Stamford Hospital who will support staff in identifying and progressing QI initiatives. Whilst there are many QI initiatives that already take place the Board are fully behind developing a QI Culture through raising awareness,

ensuring appropriate oversight and support, recognition and including examples shared at future Board and Governor meetings.

### **3 Integrated Care Systems**

Since my last report progress on Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System has focussed around organisation and governance. With the appointment of Chair Designate (John O'Brien) and AO Designate (Jan Thomas) recruitment for the Integrated Care Board (ICB) Executive Directors and Non-Executive Member is now under way. In line with the Government's White Paper along with other NHS providers our Trust CEO will become a non-voting members on the ICB. Other non-voting members will come from Local Authorities, Health Watch and some NHS Provider Collaboratives The ICB will meet in shadow form until July 2022. The Trust will also be a member of the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) which has a much broader membership similar to the current STP Partnership Board and the aim is to align Strategies with the Health and Well Being Board. The Trust will also play a lead role in the Place currently known as the 'Northern Alliance' and is currently using the Good Governance Institute understand how this can be developed.

At this stage the situation has become complex and over the next few months communication will need to become clearer. For those Governors and members of the public who want to receive the latest update then I would encourage them to attend the next ICP virtual meeting in public on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Finally whilst we are not formal members of other ICS boards and Systems we do and will continue to have regular meetings with them.

### **4 Trust Strategies**

Over the past few months we have updated some of our key strategies. The Trust Strategy was approved at our Board meeting in February. Our Green plan was shared with Governors in February and the Board will be bringing its Digital Strategy to the Board meeting in Public in April. The draft Clinical Strategy for Stamford Hospital was shared at the Members meeting on 2 March.

On 8 March the Trust Board visited Hinchingsbrooke Hospital to see progress of the Phase 2 development which includes replacement of our theatres there. This is a major project and I can report Board members found the visit useful in understanding and being assured on the scale, complexity and site logistics of the project. At some stage in the future it may be worthwhile for Governors to visit.

### **5 Thank you**

This is my last Governor meeting and last meeting in public before I leave on 31 March. It has been a privilege to be your Chair and I wish to formally record my thanks for the support and encouragement I have received from the Governors and Lead Governors during this time. You have an important role to play in the Trust and I know that due to the pandemic this has not been easy as we have had less opportunity to meet face to face. Hopefully this will change in the near future as I leave you in the capable hands of the new Chair.

There are some exciting and challenging times ahead and I wish you all the best for the future.

Rob Hughes

Chair