

REPORT TO THE TRUST BOARD (PUBLIC)

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide update to the Board from the Chair

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Risk ID	Risk Description
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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
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Equality and Diversity Implications *(Check all that apply)*

Age	Gender	Ethnicity	Disability	Pregnancy/ Maternity	Marriage/ Civil Partnership	Religion/ Belief	Sexual Orientation	Gender Reassignment
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<i>Additional comments</i>								

1. Chair's induction update

As I head towards three months in post, I wanted to give an overview on my induction progress. I have met some more fabulous teams and individuals, from both corporate and clinical service areas, who are helping me learn more about TeamNWA AngliaFT. I look forward to taking up the many offers I have had to work in hospital departments as soon as my diary allows.

In the past month I have met with the leadership teams in our operational divisions to hear about their challenges and successes. Departments I have visited include Critical Care, Occupational Health, Maternity, Radiotherapy, Pathology, Pharmacy, Health Records, the Breast Unit, Neonatal Intensive Care, Paediatrics, Outpatients and Women's Health. I was also pleased to accompany senior nursing colleagues on a CREWS assessment at the Stamford and Rutland Hospital and to spend time with some of our amazing volunteers.

Thank you to the staff who have accompanied me on these visits. It has been hugely insightful and I look forward to meeting more colleagues in the Trust in the coming weeks.

I have also had some very informative meetings with some health and care colleagues from the local health system, with more to come in the next few months. This included attending my first ICS Partnership Board meeting and a Chair's Network meeting and was a valuable opportunity to meet all other local healthcare provider Chairs.

I am planning to meet with our local MPs and local government leaders to share the strategic plans we have to improve and develop hospital services in the next three years.

2. Farewell to NExT Director Tari Matanga

This is the last Board of Directors meeting for Non Executive Director Tariro Matanga, who joined us in June 2021 as part of a national programme to provide experience of board-level roles in the NHS.

The NExT director programme is supported by NHS England and is designed to give a unique insight into the role and responsibilities of being an NHS Non-Executive Director. The scheme supports senior people by bridging knowledge gaps and providing the opportunity to learn first-hand about the challenges and opportunities associated with being a non-executive director in the NHS today.

I would like to thank Tari for her support in the past 12 months. It has been a privilege for our Trust to support her as she takes the next steps to become a Non-Executive Director. We have benefitted from her expertise just as much as she has gained valuable insight from the experience of working alongside our Trust board members. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish Tari well in her next Non-Executive role.

3. Governor Elections update

We are currently recruiting to eleven public governor posts available on our Trust Council of Governors. We are looking to attract nominations from people in our local communities to represent our diverse patient groups in all three of our constituency areas – Greater Peterborough, Stamford and South Lincolnshire and Huntingdonshire.

We are also looking for staff governors to represent the staff working at Hinchingbrooke and Stamford & Rutland Hospitals.

Individuals are asked to put themselves forward for election by 17 June and will be entered in to an election which will run among our Trust Membership from 8 July to 3 August 2022. The results will be declared on 4 August 2022.

I am keen to tap into the power of local voices to help shape our Trust as our services recover from the impact of the pandemic and we become part of the new Integrated Care System. I am confident that there will be no shortage of local people who want to play their part in influencing how their local hospital serves its community and look forward to working with our new Governors later in the year.

4. Council of Governors meeting

I was pleased to Chair my first public meeting of the Trust Council of Governors on Tuesday 17 May 2022.

As well as receiving assurance reports from our Board Sub-Committees, I was pleased to discuss our Freedom To Speak Up annual report and proposals for enhancing the effectiveness of our Council of Governors.

The next public meeting of our Council of Governors takes place on Tuesday 16 August 2022 at 2pm to 4.15pm. I am hopeful that we can hold this meeting face to face in one of our hospital sites, as well as offer the opportunity to watch via MS Teams. We will provide an update on arrangements as soon as possible.

5. Membership update

Members' Meeting: On Wednesday 11 May 2022, I was proud to Chair my first Members' Meeting for the Trust, which was held virtually via MS Teams. Approximately 20 members were in attendance. The agenda for the meeting centred upon the fantastic work of the Huntingdonshire Community Cancer Nurses based at the Woodlands Centre, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. Thank you to those Governors and staff members who supported the session.

Annual Public Meeting: Our Annual Public Meeting (APM) will be held on Wednesday 28 September 2022. We hope this will be a face-to-face event staged at one of our hospital sites. This will be the first APM since 2019 where we have been able to host an on-site event and we are looking forward to welcoming members and guests to review our Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22. A location and time for the event will be confirmed in the coming month.

Pulse magazine – Summer edition: The Summer edition of The Pulse magazine is due to be delivered to members, and available in our hospitals, in mid-June. This edition features:

- A farewell to Next Director Tari Matanga
- Spotlight on our Discharge Lounge team
- Celebrating the completion of improvements to our children's sensory garden at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital
- Commemorating staff accolades and awards – including long service milestones.

6. Provider governance arrangements – NHS England consultation

NHS England has recently published draft guidance on good governance and collaboration for consultation. The consultation is available on NHS England's website and is open for comments until 8 July 2022.

The guidance sets out the need for providers to undertake greater collaboration with health and care partners and sets out three key areas of focus:

- Engaging consistently in shared planning and decision-making
- Taking collective responsibility with partners for the delivery of services across all communities served
- Taking responsibility for the delivery of improvements and decisions agreed through the Integrated Care Board or other official forums.

We will contribute our views to the consultation and also anticipate a response from NHS Providers.

Company Secretary Taff Gidi has provided a more detailed update on the consultation in the Governance section of the Integrated Performance Report which will be discussed later in the meeting.

7. Fuller report on transforming primary care

I have been interested to read the recently-published review by Dr Claire Fuller, CEO (Designate) of Surrey Heartlands ICS, who was commissioned by NHS England and NHS Improvement to outline a vision for transforming primary care services.

As we enter into a new era for the delivery of health and care services, with the statutory creation of Integrated Care Systems (ICS), the report emphasises the opportunity to overhaul the way health and social care services are delivered. It highlights how primary care must be at the heart of each ICS to provide solutions to the individual health needs of people within local communities.

The report outlines three key areas to improve access, patient experience and outcomes in primary care across all communities. These are:

- Streamlining access to care and advice for people who become ill but only use health services infrequently: providing them with much more choice about how they access care and ensuring care is always available in their community when they need it
- Providing more proactive, personalised care with support from a multidisciplinary team of professionals to people with more complex needs, including, but not limited to, those with multiple long-term conditions
- Helping people to stay well for longer as part of a more ambitious and joined-up approach to prevention.

I welcome the findings of this report and fully support the need for all providers to work with our primary care colleagues to best meet the health needs of our local communities. We will work with our health and care system partners to implement the findings, reporting via the North Integrated Care Partnership.

Professor Steve Barnett
Chair