

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

12 MAY 2016

Paper Title:	Report on Board of Directors' Meetings
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1. PURPOSE OF THIS PAPER:

The purpose of this paper is to:

- Provide some general information about the key issues occupying the Board since the last Council of Governors' meeting;
- Provide an opportunity to gather any areas of 'data' from Governors that requires further follow up/engagement and
- Summarise key Board issues that are planned during the next three months.

Chairs report to May 2016 Council of Governors

Much of the focus during February, March and April has been on **Operational Planning and contracting** for the new financial year commencing April 2016. The Board reviewed the implications of the key elements of the NHS contract, published in February. We were encouraged that our local commissioners had passed on additional 'parity of esteem' funding for Mental Health and agreement had been agreed to move from annual to three year contracting. The 2016/17 operational plan was signed off to schedule.

The Board discussed Monitor/Trust Development Authority proposals for **increased control totals** designed to return the NHS as a whole to a position of financial balance during 2016/17. We considered the possibility of delivering an increased control total and concluded that, given the challenges inherent in the current operational plan, we were not confident in **safely** delivering the proposed increase.

Briefings on the proposals in the annual plan were held with the Council of Governors (CoG).

We noted that the 5 year forward view for **Mental Health Task force** report had been published. We were encouraged to note that the Trust is actively engaged in implementing recommendations in the report and leading 'Vanguard' developments for urgent and emergency care in West Yorkshire.

The Board discussed progress in the creation of **Sustainability and Transformation Plans** for the Bradford, Airedale and Wharfedale local Health Economy and for the West Yorkshire Region as a whole. **Final** plans are to be submitted by June 2016. A renewed **risk strategy**, based on best practice was signed off, as a basis for further development during the year.

A review of **patient and carer stories** at Board was presented and some changes agreed to enhance the process and impact of the key messages.

Private Board Topics

Following a competitive procurement process the Board awarded a contract for an electronic rostering system (**e-rostering**) as one of the key measures to reduce agency staff costs.

Contract arrangements with Airedale Foundation Trust (AFT) and Yordales Primary Care Federation were considered for a joint bid to deliver a new coordinated '**Complex Care Service**' to people with complex needs in the Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven District. The contract has been awarded by AWC CCG for one year from April 2016 to prove the concept. AFT will be Prime Contractor and BDCFT will be Prime Community Service Provider.

The Board noted the proposed procurement of **new diabetes pathways** in Bradford & AWC and endorsed this as an opportunity for a coordinated approach between commissioners, health providers and the local authority. A series of workshops have been organised in Bradford to progress this work with a view to finalising

arrangements to commence from April 2017. In the event, AWC has initiated an independent procurement process on an accelerated timescale with an invitation to tender issued April 2016.

The Board received regular updates on the specification and procurement processes for the **update/replacement of our main clinical information system** with a contact decision scheduled for May 2016.

We received a report on key learning points from a review of mental health and learning disability deaths at **Southern Health Care** over the last four years - **An agenda item has been included on May's Council of Governors.**

The Board considered prospects and recommendations for the sustainability of the **Intensive Therapy Centre. An agenda item has been included on May's Council of Governors.**

The Board received an update on the **Children's Services Review** commenced in September in response to up to 20% budget reductions linked to public health commissioner service reviews and potential competitive procurement. The Local Authority is currently undertaking a review of school nursing, health visiting, special school nursing and family nurse partnership.

The Board considered options and agreed the process for procuring an updated **mental health clinical information system** scheduled for implementation March 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Council of Governors:

- Receive this information and seek any further clarification from the Trust Chair;
- Determines whether the assurances highlighted are sufficient; and