

## COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

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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; and
- Provide an opportunity to gather any areas of 'data' from Governors that requires further follow up/engagement.

### 2. CHAIR'S REPORT

Governors will be aware that this financial year will be particularly challenging and the first quarter has met that expectation. The Integrated Performance Report sets out the current position. The Board is assured however, that there is appropriate 'grip' on the situation, with necessary actions taking place, and adequate support and scrutiny through the Finance, Business and Investment Committee, with escalation to Board where necessary.

Whilst 'Safer Staffing' is being maintained, Governors will also be aware that recruitment of trained nursing staff is a national challenge. There are particular pressures on inpatient services, who are caring for acutely unwell patients. Additional staff are often required to maintain a safe, therapeutic environment. However the Board has noted higher levels of sickness absence and labour turnover in these areas, and we continue to seek assurance on the actions being taken to mitigate these issues.

### 3. PRIVATE BOARD TOPICS

#### Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs)

The Board reviewed progress of regional (West Yorkshire) and local (Bradford Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven) STPs, designed to address NHS and care challenges through a greater emphasis on locality or 'place'. The long term vision for Bradford and AWC, that we support, has been the creation of a single accountable care system, including all the statutory health providers in the area. AWC has subsequently announced that, at least in the short term, they wish to set up an accountable care system for the AWC locality. The obvious complication for the Trust is that we will have to operate across two distinct accountable care systems. The Board is following developments closely. In the meantime we are committed to the continued development of complex care and diabetes pathways in the AWC area.

#### Clinical Information Systems

Clinical information systems are essential to support the key services BDCFT delivers across the Bradford and Airedale community.

Since April 2011, the Trust has been operating two distinct clinical information systems, **RiO for Mental Health Services** and **SystemOne for Community Health and Specialist Services**. There are also smaller bespoke systems in operation supporting services such as pharmacy, dental and IAPT.

##### *Community and Specialist Services Clinical Information System*

In June 2015, the Board agreed the re-procurement of the community services clinical information system. The successful bidder was the incumbent supplier, TPP, with their existing SystemOne solution. The Trust has secured the system until 2023.

##### *Mental Health Clinical Information System Renewal*

The current contract for the Trust's mental health clinical information system (RiO) has been extended until March 2018. At the June Board meeting, the Board committed to purchase the mental health module of SystemOne, subject to satisfactory procurement. The Board was assured that a move to the new system from March 2018 would provide a number of benefits:

- The system is widely used across Bradford by GPs and the local authority and will help the Trust achieve its aim of delivering an integrated service to service users;
- It will eliminate the duplication of effort that exists in operating two different systems; and
- Clinicians at the Trust have been involved in discussions about the system and believe it will prove more beneficial and efficient.

## **New Mill (Post Flood) Refurbishment**

At the July Board meeting, the Board heard about proposed refurbishment works to Level 1 (which was damaged following the Boxing Day floods and will, in future, house our meeting and training rooms) and Level 5 (which staff that previously occupied Level 1 are working from). We are progressing our insurance claim which will cover like-for-like reinstatement costs. We will be funding additional flood resilience/upgrade works from our Capital budget. Board members sought assurance that staff members would be kept informed about potential disruptions and alternative working solutions as a result of the proposed works.

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Council of Governors:

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