

Board of Directors

26 March 2020

Paper title:	Chief Executive's Report	Agenda item 11
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Purpose of the report		
The purpose of this report is to provide commentary on a number of topical updates including Wpreparations for Britain leaving the European Union.	For approval	
	For discussion	x
	For information	x

Executive summary		
The report highlights a number of key topical issues and one in relation to the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership.		
Do the recommendations in this paper have any impact upon the requirements of the protected groups identified by the Equality Act?	State below 'Yes' or 'No' No	If yes please set out what action has been taken to address this in your paper

Recommendation
The Trust Board is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the content of the paper, and Seek any further clarification as appropriate.

Strategic vision				
Please mark those that apply with an X				
Providing excellent quality services and seamless access	Creating the best place to work	Supporting people to live to their fullest potential	Financial sustainability growth and innovation	Governance and well-led
				x

Care Quality Commission domains

Please mark those that apply with an X

Safe	Effective	Responsive	Caring	Well Led
				x

Relationship to the Board Assurance Framework (BAF)	N/A
Links to the Corporate Risk Register (CRR)	N/A
Compliance and regulatory implications	N/A

Public Board of Directors Meeting

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Key Issues

Preparations for leaving the EU

The UK officially left the European Union on 31 January 2020, however the current agreements and procedures remain in place with the EU until 31 December 2020 during the current 'transition period'. It is during this time that the UK government has the opportunity to make formal arrangements across all departments, including Dept of Health, with the EU on future arrangements. If agreement cannot be reached by 31 December 2020, then the UK departure reverts to a "no deal" exit from the EU. However, Brexit planning has been put 'on hold' of late, whilst COVID-19 pandemic arrangements are concentrated on.

Champions Show the Way

Following presenting Champions Show the Way at a Kings Fund conference in September on Community is the Best Medicine we were asked by Public Health England to submit Champions Show the Way as a community centred approaches best practice example.

Champions Show the Way have 150 volunteers who deliver over 70 health and wellbeing activities in the community every week. The activities support people to be more physically active, be more socially active and reduce the impact of loneliness and isolation and provides support for people with long term physical and mental health conditions. Many of our volunteers and group participants say Champions Show the Way has changed their life for the better, some even say it's been lifesaving!

In 2018/19, 1716 individuals accessed a Champions Show the Way activity over 26,500 times and we are on track in 2019/20 to surpass those numbers. The case story can be found here <https://phe.koha-ptfs.co.uk/cgi-bin/koha/opac-detail.pl?biblionumber=61796> For more information about Champions Show the Way activities contact 01274 321911; champions@bdct.nhs.uk; www.bdct.nhs.uk/services/cstw

Covid-19 Update

For the past three weeks the pace of activity around the NHS and care systems response to the Covid 19 crisis has vastly increased. As part of this the Trust has launched its pandemic plan and is now managing our activities around Covid as an incident. This means that we have established a daily management approach based around emergency preparedness and resilience practices. The NHS is now operating in a command and control way to ensure that there is strong co-ordination across and between organisations and within them.

I have appointed Phil Hubbard, Director of Nursing and Professions, as Incident Director. We have established the Incident Control Team (silver command) and an Incident Control Room. To facilitate our response, we have established a number of bronze command cells. These are dealing with operational, clinical, HR and workforce, corporate and communication matters.

At the point of drafting, the number of Covid cases in West Yorkshire is relatively low. This has provided the opportunity for the Trust to do some thorough reviewing of Business Continuity Plans and our operational response. Staff have been working through a number of scenarios and adapting plans accordingly. A sub-group of Executive and Non-Executive Directors (led by myself and the Chair) sat as an Assurance Panel, where the business continuity plans were reviewed. Overall, the panel was assured and a short note (addressing some specific aspects of feedback) of this is being presented to the Board's private meeting.

As a community and mental health provider we fully expect to be a key player in the system's response to Covid. We are assisting (alongside social care colleagues) with acute hospital discharge, supporting primary care, working alongside care homes and working with the voluntary and community sector on mental health and physical health and social care support.

We are also working with colleagues on considering community resilience. It is now clear that for some groups there could be a protracted period of isolation. We are considering the safeguarding aspects linked to this, as well as our role in promoting mental wellbeing. There are opportunities to use technology in this regard.

Finally, I wanted to mention staff resilience. So far, we have seen the fantastic response from our staff that we have seen before when the time comes to work together, be flexible, increase our focus on patients and work as a team. We are doing our best to maintain communication and to offer as much support as we can. We will keep this specifically under review as we progress through the incident.

West Yorkshire & Harrogate Partnership Board Meeting (in public)

The Chair attended the WY&H Partnership Board meeting on 3 March and the following key items were discussed:

- The 5 year WY&H Strategy would be published on 9 March.
- New Government brings certainty and discussions continue around a system approach, including transformation of services regionally. Decision expected soon on a West Yorkshire Devolution opportunity, linked to the Local Industrial Strategy.
- NHS People Plan is due for publication nationally in March/April 2020, will need to work as a WY&H system to deliver.
- CQC ratings across the partnership are increasing and improving.
- Population Health presentation took place, priorities were around tackling gaps in life expectancy across the region, anti-microbial resistance infections, violence reduction, and responding to climate emergency. The Chair offered the Trust as a place to pilot approaches.
- Operational planning – need to operate as a system and align our plans together. Plans for a showcase event to connect partners across the system are taking shape.
- Diversity in Leadership Goal – presentation of recommendations to achieve goal within partnership. Need to take on board NHSE Model Employer suggestions.

There is a desire to build a regional BAME network and the Chair has extended an invitation to Fatima Khan-Shah, Programme Lead, Wakefield CCG to join our Workforce and Equality Committee.

Brent Kilmurray
Chief Executive
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