

Board of Directors

30 July 2020

Paper title:	Chief Executive's Report	Agenda item 8
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Purpose of the report		
The purpose of the report is to provide commentary on a number of topical issues.	For approval	
	For discussion	X
	For information	X

Executive summary		
The report highlights a number of key topical issues including a summary of the Trust's Learning Week.		
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

Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Key Issues

COVID-19

Phillipa Hubbard, COVID-19 Incident Director, will be providing a short update via PowerPoint at the meeting which will include the latest position and details in relation to Covid-19 deaths and risk assessments for staff members.

The Chair and I joined a call this week with the NHS Leadership Team during which recognition and thanks were offered for the outstanding efforts of our teams. I was proud to note we are one of the top four performing NHS Trusts in the North East and Yorkshire region in relation to staff COVID-19 risk assessments.

Brexit Update

Headlines

- UK departed from the EU on 31 March 2020.
- There is now a transition period until the end of 2020 while the UK and EU negotiate additional arrangements. The current rules on trade, travel and business for the UK and EU will continue to apply during the current transition period.
- New rules will take effect on 1 January 2021.
- UK government will not seek extension to the transition period beyond 31 December 2020.

Latest updates (from gov.uk website)

12 June 2020. The Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee met for the second time, co-chaired by Michael Gove and EU Commission Vice President. The Committee undertook a stock-take of progress on the implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement, which both sides say have made good progress. The following points were discussed:

- UK reiterated our commitment to protecting the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement in all respects, and to upholding our obligations under the Northern Ireland Protocol.
- The UK emphasised our commitment to EU citizens in the UK and ensuring that they and UK nationals in the EU have their rights under the Withdrawal Agreement protected.
- The UK took the opportunity provided by this second meeting to emphasise **the UK's decision not to extend the transition period**. There will be no further opportunities to extend the transition period.
- The UK will regain its economic and political independence on 1 January 2021 at the end of the transition period, as voted for by the British people.

15 June 2020. Boris Johnson met the President of the European Council, the President of the European Commission and the President of the European Parliament by videoconference to take stock of progress with the aim of agreeing actions to move forward in negotiations on the future relationship.

The meeting welcomed the constructive discussions on the future relationship that had taken place under the leadership of Chief Negotiators, allowing both sides to clarify and further understand positions. They noted that four rounds had been completed and texts exchanged despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. They agreed nevertheless that new momentum was required, and supported the plans agreed by Chief Negotiators to intensify the talks in July and to create the most conducive conditions for concluding and ratifying a deal before the end of 2020.

The Parties underlined their intention to work hard to deliver a relationship, which would work in the interests of the citizens of the EU and of the UK. They also confirmed their commitment to the full and timely implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement.

NHS Preparations

Brexit remains high on the risk register for NHS England/Improvement, primarily because of the unclear political situation at present whilst the Withdrawal Agreement discussions take place. No specific guidance or direction being given at either national or regional level for now, pending the outcome of those talks.

When asked for an update in preparation for this brief, the regional EPRR lead for North East and Yorkshire stated that Brexit is still somewhat exacerbated by COVID-19 in terms of supply, workforce risks, etc. The regional EPRR team has included our query for an update on Brexit in their escalation to national colleagues. That national comment will be briefed accordingly upon receipt.

Annual Members Meeting, 29 September 2020

The Trust traditionally holds its Annual Members Meeting (AMM) in September when the Board presents the Annual Report and Accounts to Governors and Foundation Trust (FT) members, and there is an opportunity for members of the public to ask the Board of Directors questions about performance across the Trust during the reporting period, including the Trust's plans for the future. We had originally planned to hold this year's AMM at Bradford City Football Club but due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing, the Trust will be arranging the meeting online, via Microsoft Teams, to be held on Tuesday 29 September. A small task and finish group has been established, including a number of Governors, to consider the format and content of the meeting. The exact timings of the AMM will be considered shortly and details will then be communicated to Board members, Governors and Foundation Trust members. For further information please contact Fran Limbert, Deputy Trust Board Secretary.

Media Summary

In the last few months, the focus of the Communications team has been to support the Trust's response to the COVID-19 pandemic as one of the Bronze Control cells and manage the flow of information across the organisation and with our service users, carers and communities. The team has now re-introduced a summary of media activity that will be presented at each public Board meeting, showing performance against agreed media targets, a summary of key media coverage between Board meetings and a forward look of key external communications items.

Appendix 1 offers a summary by Paul Hogg of external media activity for the June and July period.

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