

Board of Directors

8th September 2022

Paper title:	Trust Chair's Report	Agenda item 8
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Purpose of the report		
Chair's Report to inform Board members on relevant strategic developments, system and Well-Led governance developments, integrated care partnership working, external stakeholder engagement, activities with the Trust's Council of Governors, and internal staff engagement and Board visibility, including service visits.	For approval	
	For discussion	
	For information	X

Executive summary		
This report particularly covers the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trust Chair's onboarding • A reminder for the Annual Members Meeting • An update on the Council of Governors and related matters 		
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 Board of Directors is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note this report

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)	<p>The work contained with this report links to the following strategic risk(s) as identified in the BAF: Contributing towards -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk 3: If we do not equip people to deliver quality improvement locally, we will be unable to identify and embed organisational learning and this will have a negative impact on the quality of care. • Risk 4: If we do not have leaders at all levels in the organisation, staff and patient experience will be negatively impacted. If we do not value and support inclusivity, we lose the opportunity to benefit from the full range of views, opinions and experiences when supporting staff and delivering care. • Risk 5: If we do not develop effective partnerships across place, ICS and beyond we will be unable to support the voice of our service users and communities being heard in the planning and delivery of care. We will lose the opportunities to deliver the right care in the right place at the right time to address the full range of people’s needs.
Links to the Organisational Risk Register (ORR)	<p>The work contained with this report links to the following corporate risk(s) as identified in the CRR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk 1826 on system working for mental health services. • Risk 2370 on demand management. • Risk 2417 relating to the regulator • Risk 2437 relating to pandemic related pressures
Compliance and regulatory implications	<p>The following compliance and regulatory implications have been identified as a result of the work outlined in this report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-Led Compliance • Foundation Trust Code of Governance • NHS Act • Health and Social Care Act • NHS England / Improvement Appraisal Framework for the Chair’s and Non Executive Directors • Nolan Principles • Provider Licence

Meeting of the Board of Directors 8th September 2022 Trust Chair's Report

Thank you as always to all of our staff and partners who continue to work together in challenging times during the pandemic, including our Chief Executive and Executive Management Team.

Trust Chair

Following my appointment as Trust Chair I am delighted to be Chairing my first meeting of the Trust Board.

There is no doubting we are at a juncture in the NHS, with the establishment of the Integrated Care System; COVID-19 continues to linger; the need to address health inequalities and the plethora of workforce challenges all will require innovative actions to address these challenges and I very much look forward to working with the Trust to address these and other issues providing opportunities to further improve the Trust's services; in addition to meeting staff, patients and service users.

I would like to put on record my thanks to Carole Panteli, who held the interim Deputy Chair role until 15 August and provided the Trust with continuity of leadership during my annual leave.

To date I have been holding introductory meetings with all Executive and Non-Executive Directors and the Lead Governor, and continued the monthly meetings which were previously held with Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe. Going forwards I will provide updates to Board on any external meetings I attend via this report.

Annual Members Meeting

The Trust Board is reminded that the Annual Members Meeting will take place on Thursday 15 September, from 2.45pm until 4.30pm. Prior to the Annual Members Meeting a number of workshops will be held from 13:00pm, with the following themes:

- 'My Mental Health'
- 'Growing Our Own in Children's Community Services'
- 'Community Nursing'

Council of Governors

Regular Chair and Chief Executive engagement meetings continue to take place with the Lead and Deputy Lead Governors, offering the Senior Independent Director the opportunity to attend, as previously has taken place.

Governor elections

The Trust is currently undertaking elections for three Staff Governors due to the terms of existing staff Governors coming to an end, with two clinical and one non-clinical vacancies. Thanks to all the staff that nominated themselves for these positions, it was pleasing to see such a range of different professions and backgrounds represented. I look forward to working with the successful candidates on the Council of Governors.

Recent Council of Governors Meetings

The **Council of Governors held their latest formal meeting on 1st September** this year, an update will be given in the Chair report in November.

**Dr Linda Patterson OBE FRCP
Trust Chair
September 2022**