

**'You matter, we care'**

Trust Board Meeting (Part 1)	Date: 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2014
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<b>Title:</b>	Chair's report
<b>Item:</b>	BD/14/136

<b>Executive Director lead and presenter</b>	Tony Gallagher, Chair
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<b>History:</b>	<i>n/a</i>
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<b>This report is for:</b>	
Decision	
Discussion	
To Note	X

<b>Executive Summary of key issues</b>
The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the work of the Chair during the preceding month.

<b>This report addresses these Strategic Priorities:</b>	
We will deliver the best care	X
We will support and develop our staff	X
We will continually improve what we do	X
We will use our resources wisely	X
We will be future focussed	X

## 1. Review

- 1.1. I had a constructive meeting with Anthony Farnsworth to review the Bristol tender process, discuss Trust progress and consider areas of stress within the system.
- 1.2. I made a Quality Improvement Visit to the Specialist Drug and Alcohol team in Bath who were the most enthusiastic team that I have met to date.
- 1.3. Together with the Chief Executive I met with Rhona MacDonald, Interim Bristol System Leader, as a precursor to a Board presentation on the Bristol System leadership governance arrangements.
- 1.4. I sat on a Mental Health Act panel in Swindon where the supporting notes for associates showed continued improvement. This is helpful for panels in making improved decisions.

## 2. Governance

- 2.1. A New Non-Executive Director has been appointed. Barry Dennington started with the Trust on 17th August 2014 and his induction programme is underway including meetings with the Chair and Chief Executive.
- 2.2. The Trustwide Involvement Group met in its new format on 12th August 2014. The intention is that this will now begin to assume the responsibilities of a council of governors. This meeting discussed the TWIG terms of reference and issues of process and protocol.
- 2.3. The Foundation Trust Steering group continues to meet to review progress and set outline planning dates.