

'You matter, we care'

Trust Board Meeting (Part 1)	Date: 17 December 2014
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Title:	Chair's report
Item:	BD/14/227

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History:	n/a
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This report is for:	
Decision	
Discussion	
To Note	X

The following impacts have been identified and assessed in relation to this report:	
Equality	<i>None identified.</i>
Quality	<i>None identified.</i>
Privacy	<i>None identified.</i>

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

This report addresses these Strategic Priorities:	
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 Since the last meeting of the Trust Board in November 2014, the Chief Executive and I met with Professor Sir Mike Richards and Paul Lelliott of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to continue to build robust relationships with our regulator.
- 1.2 I chaired the meeting of our Trust-wide Involvement Group on Wednesday 3rd of December which was attended by Service User and Carer representatives, staff, public and a representative from Healthwatch. The group received updates from the Trust's Locality Involvement Coordinators about the involvement work happening across local areas. Our Acting Director of Nursing also attended and spoke to the group about the Trust's plans for reducing the risk of suicide, followed by a discussion about the work the Trust has done recently in this area.

The Trust-wide Involvement Group is a public meeting and we welcome all of our stakeholders to attend.
- 1.3 On the 5th of December I was present at the South West Chairs meeting, which was attended by Dr Sarah Wollaston MP (Chair of the Health Select Committee).
- 1.4 Iain and I also met with Graham Russell, Chair and Aileen Edwards, Chief Executive of Second Step, the lead organisation providing Lot 2 services in Bristol. We are engaging with Second Step and building a strong partnership between our organisations, and will continue to meet with them quarterly to this end. Both Second Step and AWP recognise the importance of good communication to ensure we are successful leaders in the provision of high quality mental health care, and to enable us to respond effectively through ensuring our governance frameworks follow best practice and support this need.