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| Trust Board meeting (Part 1) | | Date: | 30 September 2015 |
| Agenda item | Title | Executive Director lead and presenter | Report author |
| BD/15/134 | Chair's Report | Tony Gallagher, Chair | Tony Gallagher, Chair |
| This report is for: | | | |
| Decision | | | |
| Discussion | | | |
| To Note | | X | |
| History | | | |
| N/A | | | |
| The following impacts have been identified and assessed within this report | | | |
| Equality | None identified | | |
| Quality | None identified | | |
| Privacy | None identified | | |
| Executive summary of key issues | | | |
| This report summarises the work of the Chair throughout the month of July. | | | |
| The Board is asked to note the report. | | | |
| 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 National Issues

1.1 NHS Providers Chair and Chief Executive's meeting

I joined other Chair and CEO's of NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts this month to review the recent events nationally and to look ahead. The meeting covered the key topics of money, regulation, the five year forward view, regulation and workforce.

1.2 NHS Confederation

I also met with Stephen Dalton, Chief Executive of the NHS Confederation. I arranged the meeting to discuss my views about the options for mental health trusts like AWP in the future world of accountable care organisations and other new organisational models emerging out of the 'Dalton Review'. We discussed my view that mental health must be integral in the design of the new systems. We also considered the financial challenges facing NHS Trusts and our Board's ambition for our Trust in light of the five year forward view.

2 Local Matters

2.1 Annual General Meeting

Our annual general meeting for 2015 in September provided an opportunity to look back on the good work we have carried out over the last year, review our financial position and to focus on the year ahead. Well attended by members of the public, service users and staff, I took the opportunity to welcome the meeting by paying tribute to our frontline staff for their care and compassion and thanking corporate services staff for the work they do behind the scenes.

The presentations focused on our track record of financial sustainability. With additional pressures and financial demands on budgets mid-year the board remains solidly of the view that it will remain committed to an achievable financial budget for 2015/16 to ensure quality services.

Furthering this point, Hayley Richards, Medical Director and Andrew Dean, Director of Nursing stated that our aim for the year ahead will be to deliver high quality mental

health care services which are clinically led, locally driven and quality focused.

During the brief round of questions, the importance of the South West Veterans' mental health service, providing expert help for services personnel was discussed, along with questions on physical health, liaison, finances and Foundation Trust status.

I closed the meeting by affirming that we are not prepared to stand still. We will maintain an absolute focus on quality, our staff and our resources and to build on the progress of the last year, putting quality first..

2.2 Wiltshire Institute of Health and Social Care Project Programme Board

During September I took up my post on this new partnership board, which will see representatives from public health, mental health, the NHS, higher education and the council working together to help drive forward an innovative project to improve the recruitment and retention of Wiltshire's health and social care workforce. The Programme Board aims to develop The Wiltshire Institute of Health and Social Care (WIHSC) – a virtual establishment that will deliver a wide range of stimulating, dynamic and creative learning and development opportunities to staff across our combined sectors. This Institute will be the key to ensuring that staff have the knowledge, skills and experience needed to achieve excellence in all aspects of their work. By working in partnership to make WIHSC a reality, we will help to secure more positive futures for vulnerable children and adults across Wiltshire both now and in years to come.

2.3 Quality and Experience/Walkarounds

In the month I carried out a Quality Walkaround of Avon Ward with the Chief Executive. This was a good opportunity to talk to staff about quality and how they promote safe and high quality services whilst maintaining patient experience. We talked about the challenge of staffing in the context of vacancies and agency staffing. I met with service users and as ever, found this opportunity a valuable way of ensuring that

our ward to board governance and feedback arrangements are working.

2.4 Service User and Carer Involvement

I met with some of our service user, carer and public involvees who had come to meet with the Director of Nursing and myself to begin to redesign the way we shape our service user and carer involvement governance frameworks.

The meeting was lively and lots of ideas were shared.

2.5 Health System

In relation to the wider health system, September was a busy month, and I met with the Chair and Accountable Officer of the Bristol CCG as part of our six monthly review process. This meeting, with the Chief Executive, gives an opportunity for us to discuss ways in which our two organisations can work more effectively, in the interests of providing high quality commissioned services to the people in the community served, in this case Bristol.

In addition, I met the Swindon CCG commissioner who complimented AWP on progress.

Iain and I also met with the Chair and Chief Executive of Seqol this month to discuss issues of importance to service users and carers in Swindon.

I attended the West of England ASHN Chairs and Chief Executives Leaders' event where various new initiatives were reviewed, some involving AWP, but many having 'simple but magic' as a theme.

Back in Bristol, Iain and I met with the Chair of Bristol Community Health Community Interest Company, which provides community health services in the Bristol area.

Finally, I met with the Chair of Sirona, which is a community interest company which provides health and social care services across a wide range of services in our area.

3 Governance and Assurance

3.1 Assurance and Accountability

I completed the Executive Director Appraisal programme this month. This is an essential part of the corporate governance framework as I hold appraisals with each Director of the Board.

I also held catch-up meetings with a number of Non-Executive Directors to ensure open lines of communication.

I am currently reviewing all NED tenures. Graham Coxell has tendered his resignation as an Associate Non-Executive Director and I will be seeking to find a replacement for him.

3.2 Governance Review

The Quality and Standards Committee of the Trust and Employee Strategy and Engagement Committee are merging, and I worked with the Company Secretary to ensure that the Terms of Reference for the new Committee provide sufficient assurance to the Board in the key areas required.

We also considered our ongoing assessment against the well-led framework and planning for an externally validated board evaluation in 2016.

4 Recommendation

The Trust Board should **note** this report.