

Trust Board meeting (Part 1)		Date:	24 February 2016
Agenda item	Title	Executive Director lead and presenter	Report author
BD/15/245	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 January 2016.			
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 Local Matters

1.1 Chair's Diary

During February, I welcomed three new Non Executive Directors to the Board, and as part of their Induction, held meetings with Charlotte Moar, and Ernie Messer, as well as having met with Mark Outhwaite in January.

In view of the financial challenges facing us, and the rest of the NHS at the present time, I chaired an Extraordinary meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee, on 4 February. This meeting reviewed a number of proposals for financial mitigations which could be implemented by the Trust and made decisions in relation to the Trust's risks.

On 5 February I met with my Board Committee Chairs, Non Executive Directors Susan Thompson and Barry Dennington to discuss the effectiveness of the Board Committees, and to consider ways to improve their ways of working.

Later that day I chaired the panel which interviewed our candidates for the position of Chief Executive.

On 9 February I chaired a members event in Swindon on Dementia and the work that AWP is developing in this area. This was a very successful event, and it was very good to meet so many of our members.

On 10th and 17th February, I sat on interview panels for a Consultant in Learning Disabilities Psychiatry post, and a Consultant Psychiatrist in General Adult Psychiatry Acute Inpatient Service.

On 11 February I attended the NHS Improvement and NHS Providers Conference for CEOs and Chairs in London.

Along with Hayley Richards, the Acting Chief Executive, I met Swindon CCG for our regular six- monthly review meeting. We meet with each of our Clinical Commissioning Groups every 6 months to discuss a range of matters.

In a similar vein, on 16 February I met with Michelle Howard the Chair of SEQOL and also attended our Quality and Standards

Committee as part of my regular attendance at Board Committees.

On 17 February, I arranged to meet with Hayley Richards and Susan Thompson in relation to the Trust's Staff Survey Results to consider the findings and how we would respond to these.

On 23 February I plan to attend the BANES Annual Event – which has the topic of Appreciating Working Partnerships. I will be speaking about how we support collaborative working in our locality and look forward to this opportunity immensely.

2 Chief Executive appointment

2.1 Interviews and Stakeholder process

For the appointment process for our new Chief Executive, we wanted to ensure that we invited as many of our stakeholders as possible to be involved. A number of members, service users, carers, staff, CCGs, Local Authorities and Board members were involved in focus groups. In addition, a panel comprising the NHS Trust Development Agency, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Trust, Strategic Service User Lead and myself as Chair, interviewed our candidates.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the day.

A new process is in place which requires Ministerial approval of all Chief Executive appointments before formal announcement, so as soon as I have Minister Approval of the chosen candidate I will be making a formal announcement.

3 Recommendation

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