

Trust Board meeting (Part 1)		Date:	30 March 2016
Agenda item	Title	Executive Director lead and presenter	Report author
BD/15/274	Chair's Report	Tony Gallagher, Chair	Tony Gallagher, Chair
This report is for:			
Decision			
Discussion			
To Note			X
History			
<i>None.</i>			
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 March 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 March, I have spent my time focusing on the year-end and setting objectives for the coming year.

On the 4th March, I undertook Mental Health Act Associate Training, along with Susan Thompson and Ruth Brunt. This was conducted by Wendy Moore and Michael Roberts and included a talk by Dr Simon Manchip. I have to undertake this training annually and it allows me to sit on panels at Manager Hearings.

On the 15th March, I convened the Board for an extraordinary meeting to discuss, agree and progress the Annual Operating Plan.

On the 23rd March I met with Dr Hayley Richards to set objectives for the coming year.

On Friday 19th February, I Chaired the Finance and Planning Committee meeting, and attended the Committee's meeting on 24th March as an observer. This was followed by a meeting with Non-Executive Director Peaches Golding to conduct her annual appraisal, reflecting on the progress made over the past year and to undertake planning for the coming year. Later that day, I met with Chris Screech of The Priory Group in order to have a general catch-up and discuss working relationships moving forward.

On the 29th March I took part in Manager Hearings in Swindon.

On the 31st March, I will be sitting on a panel for Consultant Interviews, covering the post of Consultant in General Adult Psychiatry for the Bristol Mental Health Central Assessment & Recovery Service. Following this I am visiting Applewood Ward with Hayley Richards, on one of our new style 15-step walkarounds, which are aiming to improve communication and quality of service.

Throughout the month, I have been working with the Trust's Company Secretary to close issues with the CQC and with the TDA on individual complaints.

I have also been working with existing and ex- Non-Executive Directors, to feed into our Board Development Plan for 2016-17.

I have been in discussion with several applicants and potential applications for the Director of Operations position.

I am working actively with the Trust's Chief Executive and Company Secretary, to improve our Board meeting structure and Board reports. I am also working with our Committee Chairs, to ensure that Committee meeting papers, content, key metrics and the escalation of issues to Board are at the requisite standard.

I have been in contact with Trust and CCG Chairs in Swindon, Wiltshire and Bath (one of our STP regions) with regards to future planning.

2 Recommendation

The Trust Board are asked to **note** this report.