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| Trust Board meeting (Part 1) | | Date: | 27 July 2016 |
| Agenda item | Title | Executive Director lead and presenter | Report author |
| BD/16/104 | Chair's Report | Susan Thompson, Acting Chair | Susan Thompson, Acting 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 | x | | |
| Quality | x | | |
| Privacy | X | | |
| Executive summary of key issues | | | |
| This report summarises the work of the Chair throughout the month of May 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

On 4 July, Tony Gallagher attended an NHS Providers Chairs Roundtable event with Lord Prior to discuss the efficiency challenge facing the NHS and to better understand key challenges and concerns from the frontline. The focus of this meeting was on operational performance across the acute, ambulance, community and mental health NHS sectors.

On 5 July, Tony joined a conference call with other Chairs to discuss progress with the BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire STP.

NHS Providers called a special meeting of Chairs on 7 July to discuss, amongst other things, the pressing governance issues and challenges arising from the STP process in particular, as well as recent discussions on control totals and, in some instances, the development of new care models.

North Bristol Trust CEO Andrea Young wrote to advise of the Trust's special measures and to request support for their financial plan, including the 90 day discharge

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2 Chair Handover

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Tony Gallagher handed over the business of Chair to Susan Thompson, Acting Chair on 12 July. His departing request was that the Trust maintain its journey of quality improvement within a tight fiscal regime and continue to show leadership across the health economy and the significant challenges ahead.

I met with Hayley Richards Chief Executive and Christina Gradowski, Interim Company Secretary to agree immediate Chair priorities

3 Next steps

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As Acting Chair my focus will be on strengthening the Board compliment of Non executives and Board leadership in readiness for an incoming Chair by the end of the year

I am pleased to announce that NHSI has approved the appointment of Barry Dennington for a further year to August 2017.

I will support the Trust activities in engaging with partner organisations working within the Sustainability and Transformation Plans ensuring that mental health and the needs of service users, carers and our populations are a "golden thread" running through any strategic planning

Provision of high quality services and continuous quality improvement remain our goal. We remain committed to meeting the needs of our service users and carers despite significant financial challenges.

4 Recommendation

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