

'You matter, we care'

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This report is for:	
Decision	
Discussion	
To Note	X

Executive Summary of key issues
<p>The purpose of the Chair's report is to update the Board of the work of the Chair during the preceding month.</p> <p>February has seen the Chief Executive and I continue to develop relationships with our commissioners, both to develop the Trust strategy and also to ensure AWP is at the centre of the healthcare system. My report summarises this work.</p> <p>The Board is invited to note the report, and to ask any questions of the Chair as required.</p>

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. During the last month we met with the Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire commissioners where the progress made by our locality management was welcomed, the openness of the Trust on sensitive issues was noted and areas for service development were identified. Meetings with South Gloucestershire Local Authority and North Bristol acute Trust also opened up possibilities for greater engagement in local initiatives and improved utilisation of people and estate. CCG representatives also attended the Clinical Incidents Overview Group (CIOG) this month reflecting our open culture.

2. Governance

2.1. On a broader front, the Trust continues to make progress in engaging with service users and carers. The Trust-wide engagement process, supported by our engagement workers, but involving our membership, continues to evolve. Drafting of the Carer's Charter by KS2 indicates how a bottom-up process can drive progress.

2.2. To continue the involvement of our membership the Trust is planning Governors elections as soon as we receive clarification from TDA/Monitor around governance rules.

3. Appointments

3.1. As announced at the last Board meeting Alison Paine will be leaving the Board at the end of March and the February Board will be the last Alison will attend. I would like to put on record my thanks on behalf of the Trust to Alison for the commitment and dedication she has shown in her period as a NED. Alison has chaired several committees, has been champion of users and carers at Board and has been energetic and vocal in driving improvements in the Trust. I hope Alison can continue to contribute to the Trust in other ways, should her personal circumstances allow in the future.

4. Board

4.1. Results of the staff survey were noted at recent committees and will be discussed during the Board meeting. Encouraging as the completion rate is, and the recognition that quality is at the top of our agenda, there remains considerable scope for the Board to improve its ability to engage staff on strategy that it has set out. This must be a continuing priority for our Board.

5. Bristol

5.1. As we completed the final submission to the Bristol tender process I want to thank the Bristol team for the hard work, dedication and also on the creativity put into this process, at a time where the demands upon staff in Bristol have never been higher.

5.2. As part of this process, but also to drive forward services in Bristol, a two day seminar was hosted by the Bristol team with a potential partner to deliver meaningful system leadership solutions. The potential to make a significant change to how and where services are delivered using clinical intelligence combined with

applied advanced technology is a very exciting development. More detailed analysis is required, however I am convinced that there is now a greater understanding of the potential in this area which will lead to solutions which will put AWP in to a leadership position and focus resources to drive greater benefits for our users and carers.

6. Final Comment

6.1 Finally, a comment about the recently announced funding regime, where Mental Health funding has been set below that of our acute partners; This is a major disappointment given the rhetoric around the importance of good mental health and parity of esteem. I have met two members of Parliament recently to express my concerns and to lobby for equivalence.