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Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Trust Board 27th October 2020 9.30am

Microsoft Teams Live Stream

Present:

Ms Cathy Ellis Chair Mr Geoff Rowbotham Non-Executive Director/Deputy Chair Mr Darren Hickman Non-Executive Director Mr Faisal Hussain Non-Executive Director Professor Kevin Harris Non-Executive Director Ms Angela Hillery Chief Executive Ms Dani Cecchini Director of Finance Dr Avinash Hiremath Medical Director Dr Anne Scott Interim Director of Nursing AHPs and Quality

In Attendance:

Ms Rachel Bilsborough Director of Community Health Services Mr Gordon King Director of Mental Health Mrs Sarah Willis Director of Human Resources & Organisational Development Mr Chris Oakes Director of Governance and Risk Mr Mark Farmer Healthwatch Ms Sally Camm NHSI Next Director development scheme for Non-Executive Directors Ms Kate Dyer Head of Governance and Interim Company Secretary Mr Mark Roberts Head of Communities and Youth Services Ms Kamy Basra Head of Communications Mr Ian Wakeford Head of Informatics

Mrs Kay Rippin Corporate Affairs Manager (Minutes)

TB/20/179	Apologies for absence were received from: Liz Rowbotham Non-Executive Director; Ruth Marchington Non-Executive Director; Helen Thompson Director of Families, Young People & Children Services & Learning Disability Services and David Williams Director of Strategy and Business Development.
	Mark Roberts Assistant Director of Families Young People & Children, Learning Disability and New Care Models attended on behalf of Helen Thompson and Kamy Basra Head of Communications and Ian Wakeford Head of Informatics attended on behalf of David Williams.
	The Chair welcomed the attendees for the Staff Voice item: Hayley Toone

	Physiotherapist; Melanie Rowland Operation and Transformation Lead; Priya Patel
	Occupational Therapist and Larysajane Collins Technical Instructor. The Trust Board Members were introduced (<i>Paper A</i>).
TB/20/180	Patient voice film – Community Health Services
16/20/180	The theme of today's meeting is Community Health Services Rachel Bilsborough's last meeting as she is retiring at the end of November 2020. She has been with the NHS for 39 years. The patient voice film focused on the Home First Pathway and the integrated care package that Marilyn (70) received following discharge from UHL after a fall. The Home First Pathway enabled Marilyn to stay at home during her recovery, something that would not have been possible without this pathway. The Home First Team worked quickly to ensure Marilyn had all the equipment and support she needed at home to prevent readmission to hospital. Both Marilyn and her husband Morris described the pathway and the team as invaluable.
TB/20/181	Staff voice – Community Health Services
	Rachel Bilsborough introduced the Community Therapy Team, describing the journey of transformation they had been on over the last year as the community services were redesigned and integrated into Hubs across the city and county. Priya Patel Occupational Therapist (City Team) described the benefits of being a multi-disciplinary team including reducing duplication and having the ability to discuss and streamline referrals. The Covid impact had been great as the Team relied heavily on face to face contact and support but they have adapted using virtual methods. One of the challenges in working from the Hubs is around joint assessments but this is being resolved with the Teams having the right equipment in order to carry out initial assessments and observations. Larysajane Collins, Technical Instructor joined the newly formed Hub in Coalville and described the changed working conditions (The Hub; more Technical Instructors; 7 day working and working until 6pm) as a great opportunity to develop skills and as offering better continuity of care for patients. She described a patient who was at the end of their life, within 2 hours of discharge from hospital they had equipment at home and were receiving palliative therapy at home surrounded by their family. Covid presented problems but the team have pulled together to support to each other and to continue to support those accessing the pathway. Hayley Toone, Physiotherapist described the Home first Pathway as supporting discharge from hospital and keeping people at home including offering rehabilitation at home. A benefit of the service redesign is that the Team have the capacity to visit people at home more frequently, Marilyn, the lady in the patient story film, had 6 visits within one week. There are different support projects in place including care home projects. Covid has forced an increase in remote consultations and many of these have been difficulties in the County in liaising with Social Care and improvements in this area need to be achieved. There is a plan

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	The Chair thanked the team for attending Board and for their work through the transformation and through Covid. Angela Hillery commented that the passion for Home First and patient care was evident throughout, and the importance of team makes all the difference. The Home First model, despite initial challenges is now in a great position both within LPT and within the system. Angela Hillery thanked the team for sharing the issues that remain a challenge and asked that the rest of the team are told how proud we are of them. Faisal Hussain asked if any third sector agencies are used to provide the wrap around support. Rachel Bilsborough confirmed that work with the third sector is at different stages in LLR and in the Hubs with the most progress being in Rutland but with engagement increasing in all areas. The challenge is to get the sector to come together as one single voice as they all operate as individual agencies. Faisal Hussain asked how the Home First Pathway will work moving forward as other services offer similar support and how will it fit in with the Ageing Well Service. Rachel Bilsborough confirmed that the service Presentation (item 10) will cover this item.
	important consideration across all teams but especially in this team and in winter. Melanie Rowland confirmed that health and wellbeing is discussed frequently with leads and teams. Walking meetings are used for debriefs; Teams calls and WhatsApp groups. They are working hard to try to achieve the team support lost in the base of grabbing a coffee and having a chat. The other team members agreed that the team are very close having gone through such an extensive period of change. They use supervision sessions as formal checks on wellbeing but also the day to day coordinator offers more informal checks. Larysa Collins is a Health and Wellbeing Champion for the Trust.
	The Chair thanked the team and applauded their well-being focus. Rachel Bilsborough felt very proud of the team and proud seeing how far they've come during this transformation period. Kevin Harris asked if there was one thing that the team could change what would it be? Melanie Rowland confirmed that the IT infrastructure – phones, Tough Books, laptops etc. have not always been fit for purpose but this is being resolved slowly. The theme around difficulty in building connections with the county Social Care is a common one and this is another challenge which needs to be resolved. The Chair thanked the team for raising these issues as it is important that the Board hear this and can then offer support in the resolution.
TB/20/182	Declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda No declarations were received at the meeting.
TB/20/183 TB/20/184	Minutes of the previous public meeting: 1 st September 2020 (<i>Paper B</i>) Resolved: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. Matters Arising (<i>Paper C</i>)
	Resolved: The Board agreed that all complete (green) matters could now be closed.
TB/20/185	Chair's Report (<i>Paper D</i>) The Chair offered her thanks to all staff across the Trust for all of their work. The highlights from the report included the launch of the People's Council in September; the re-launch of the service user involvement induction process with our patient experience team and a visit to the new Beacon Unit which is due to

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	open in November. Whilst there will be no official opening event, a film is being made to celebrate. The Trust's charity Raising Health is bidding for a £490,000 grant to support communities to stay well and work is ongoing with University Hospitals Leicester and Voluntary Action Leicester to plan how to use this money for our communities. Resolved: The Board received the report for information.	
TB/20/186	Chief Executive's Report (<i>Paper E</i>) Angela Hillery thanked all staff for their hard work including those in the Incident Control Centre (ICC) which has been working 7 days a week since the start of the pandemic. 43% of staff have now completed the staff survey which is great and Angela Hillery urged more staff to complete it. The Communications Team have been working hard, supporting a fantastic AGM and gaining awards which in turn get the profile of staff validated. We continue to meet regularly with the CQC who plan to inspect services in alternative ways. The staff focus groups with the CQC will continue. The Mental Health Urgent Care Hub features in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Newsletter this edition giving it a national profile which is well deserved. There are a number of Health and Well Being events taking place across LLR this week with LPT and LLR partners involved. LPT have been chosen to be a pilot site for one of the new Health and Wellbeing Hubs. Angela Hillery recorded her thanks to Rachel Bilsborough for her 39 years of NHS service and for the CHS transformation she has overseen The Chair confirmed that the Non-Executive Directors (NEDs) had met and discussed who should be named as the Health and Wellbeing Guardian for LPT and it had been decided that the Chair would take on this role. Resolved: Cathy Ellis is now the LPT Health and Wellbeing Guardian.	
TB/20/187	Organisational Risk Register (ORR) (<i>Paper F</i>) Chris Oakes presented paper F confirming the headlines. A new risk – risk 51 relating to the flu vaccine for staff was here today for approval. There are 14 high risks with risk 51 currently the highest. The Covid risk is under review as this is now more business as usual. 13 risks are lower than their original score – this movement and the static risks have been discussed in level one Committees and a full review of these risks is now planned, demonstrating the dynamic use of the ORR. Darren Hickman asked why the Cyber Risk had been removed from the ORR and why was this no longer considered a risk? Chris Oakes confirmed that the ORR was the organisational risk register and that risks can be deescalated to directorate risks if appropriate whilst still remaining a risk. Dani Cecchini confirmed that the cyber risk had been deescalated following a review of all controls but that the risk remains and is actively managed by the Data Privacy Group on behalf of the Finance and Performance Committee (FPC). This process remains flexible and risks can be re-escalated if necessary. The Chair asked about the assurance ratings that remain amber on the ORR What needs to be done to turn these to green? Could this be looked at and fed back through the level one committees? Chris Oakes confirmed that this can be taken away and further refined. Geoff Rowbotham asked if risk 51 needed more detail around what success might look like and Anne Scott agreed to reflect on this new risk 51. Action: Chris Oakes to review the amber assurance ratings on the ORR (right hand side) and consider what would need to be done to turn these green Action: Anne Scott to review the narrative around risk 51 and consider adding more detail about what success would look like.	

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	Resolved: The Board agreed the addition of risk 51 to the ORR.
TB/20/188	Service Presentation – Community Health Services (CHS) Rachel Bilsborough and Melanie Rowland delivered a PowerPoint presentation describing the Community Service redesign, Ageing Well and Home First pathways. This PowerPoint Presentation will be circulated to all Board members for
	reference. The Chair thanked the team for the presentation and commented that it was good to see that they had adapted the quality accreditation process through Covid. Faisal Hussain suggested that once the Home First service is embedded it would be useful to understand the role it has played in improving health outcomes and reducing health inequalities. Rachel Bilsborough agreed that this was very important and was being progressed through the LLR Primary and Community Design and Delivery Group. Faisal Hussain enquired how the Covid provisions for Continuing Heath Care were working in practice; Rachel Bilsborough confirmed that Covid had removed much of the red tape around access allowing access in a more timely way and that this has been embedded into the operating process and the discharge Hub. Geoff Rowbotham asked how well LPT's mental health services align and support the CHS approach in neighbourhoods. Rachel Bilsborough confirmed that work is ongoing to align the Step Up To Great (SUTG) footprints for community and mental
	health and a pilot is underway looking at integrating the mental health services with the neighborhood teams.
	The Chair thanked the team for the presentation.
TB/20/189	Step Up To Great (SUTG) Progress Report <i>(Paper G)</i> Kamy Basra presented paper G on behalf of David Williams. The SUTG strategy was relaunched just over 1 year ago and is now well integrated. The objectives that sit within the strategy are now being refreshed as some of the work is complete. There is a SUTG conference with staff planned for 27 th November to celebrate work and engage in conversation around this refresh. There will then be a period of engagement with an 8-10 week campaign involving staff, the People's Council (patient voice) and stakeholder survey. It is anticipated that the refreshed strategy will be finalised by March 2021. The Board were asked to support this plan today. Angela Hillery asked if staff will be able to participate if they cannot make the conference on 27 th November and Kamy Basra confirmed that there would be other opportunities for staff to be involved during the consultation period. The Chair said that it was important that the Board understood the progress and the status of each of the bricks underpinning the strategy and requested a progress report to be delivered at the 22 nd December Trust Board meeting. Action: David Williams to bring a SUTG Progress Report to the 22nd December Trust Board meeting. To include details the status of each of the bricks in the strategy. Resolved: The Board approved the approach set out in the SUTG Progress
TB/20/190	Report.IM&T Digital Plan (Paper H)Ian Wakeford presented paper H on behalf of David Williams. This paper has beento the executive team to FPC and to the October Board development session. Thepaper was here today for support from the Board. There are 60 strategic objectivescontained within the report to deliver over the next three and a half years. Thesingle Electronic Patient Record (EPR) go live date is 03.11.20. From this point allpatients records will be on SystmOne. This will ensure that we play our part in thesystem working and will improverecord sharing etc. There have been some

	deemed necessary.
TB/20/193	Resolved: The Board received assurance from the QAC Highlight Report. Director Of Nursing Report <i>(Paper K)</i> Anne Scott presented paper K confirming that she was proud of the Quality and Safety Teams for maintaining a business as usual agenda throughout Covid. The highlights of the report include the following: There have been 3 Covid outbreaks in October – Bosworth ward (4 staff); The Willows (4 staff across 2 wards and 2 patients) and Langley Ward (2 students). All patients have been tested and all were negative. All outbreaks are being managed with no causative link apparent. The hand hygiene and bare below the elbow audits have increased. The Covid vaccination plan and programme is being developed with a vaccine potentially available from December 2020. The Section42 safeguarding enquiries backlog is now cleared. The work with the complaints team is ongoing and is improving complaints management. The Learning Lessons Exchange Group is working well as a community of practice with every other meeting now being a learning event. The quality accreditation programme has now recommenced. Following a review of the Legislative Group it has been agreed that this group will split into two committees – a safeguarding and a legislative group – this is currently being formalised.
	Faisal Hussain asked if there were any concerns around a lapse in PPE protocols in advance of the potential second surge. Anne Scott confirmed that LPT are using an audit tool to look at masks, handwashing, social distancing and wiping down areas – particularly at break times. We have a good supply of PPE. Resolved: The Board received assurance from the Director Of Nursing Report.
TB/20/194	Care Quality Commission (CQC) Progress Report (<i>Paper L</i>) Anne Scott presented paper L confirming the highlights. The Time to Shine events continue to run successfully with good attendance. The Quality Surveillance Tracker continues to be used and a reflection exercise has been carried out around the CQC warning notices. The CQC confirmed in July that some progress was evident but additional improvements were required. A CQC Well Led workshop was held during September (with Trust Board input into this at the 6 th October development meeting) and a self-assessment checklist has been produced for all services where we have previously been rated as requires improvement. The CQC are working differently during the pandemic taking a 'transitional regulatory approach' and inspecting areas of high risk only. Resolved: The Board received assurance from the CQC Progress Report.
TB/20/195	Serious Incidents (SI) Bi-monthly Report (<i>Paper M</i>) Anne Scott presented paper M which covers August and September 2020. There has been a slight deterioration in the 60 day deadline for submission but a recovery improvement plan is now in place to address this. A consideration of the impacts of both Covid and waiting times is now factored into each SI. The acuity of patients has increased and the number of falls has increased largely due to this increase in acuity. There was the death of a patient during August which met the criteria for an "inpatient suicide" and is currently under investigation with an executive/non- executive led panel and an independent chair from Northamptonshire. Incidents of violence and aggression have increased and a quality improvement plan is in place which QAC oversee. Deep dives/quality summits continue to be conducted into specific areas as required. There has been 1 duty of candour breach and 12 breaches in relation to sharing the final report - these have been largely down to human error. There has been a new SI framework published which encourages

	reflection and learning. Faisal Hussain asked if the Covid 2 nd wave could see an increase in suicides and Avinash Hiremath confirmed that research around suicide in any post disaster situation shows an increase. Currently the rise is not considered to be statistically significant. The increase in real time surveillance means that information can be shared across directorate and learning can be gained rapidly. Geoff Rowbotham asked if there was a way of prioritising SI action plans and recovery plans to minimise harm? Anne Scott confirmed that any actions from a patient safety perspective are acted upon immediately and any harm actions are monitored by the Harm Review Group and the Head of Patient Safety. Geoff Rowbotham asked a specific question about Chart 11a internal root cause analysis figures for adult mental health and Anne Scott confirmed that she would need to ask Gordon King to respond to this post meeting. The Chair asked if the staff are being supported with learning around the duty of
	candour breaches and Anne Scott confirmed that they were.
	Resolved: The Board received assurance from the SI bi-monthly Report.
TB/20/196	Safer Staffing - Monthly Report (Paper N)
10/20/190	Anne Scott presented paper N which covered September 2020. The highlights included 5 wards had over 6% agency staff which is linked to activity on the wards. The Central Access Point (CAP) is a new area of note due to staff shortages and the increasing pressure of crisis within mental health. Appropriate measures are in place to maintain safety. PPE donning and doffing has now been added as mandatory training. As of 1 st October 2020 appraisals were at 82.4% (green) and clinical supervision at 84.8% (amber). Whilst there are still a number of areas of note there are robust plans in place to mitigate. The red areas of Health Care Support Worker usage in CHS are due to reduced bed occupancy which requires less staff.
	Angela Hillery questioned with the Covid 2 nd wave potential and possible increased absence how are we going to look at all workforces with regards to safer staffing and how can we work with the system around this? Anne Scott confirmed that conversations are taking place across the system around mutual support and safer staffing but also considering different ways of working to mitigate risk.
TB/20/197	Resolved: The Board received assurance from the Safer Staffing Report. Guardian of Safe Working Hours Q 2 Report (<i>Paper O</i>) Avinash Hiremath presented paper O thanking all colleagues involved in writing the report. There were a number of exception reports during the last quarter, almost double in comparison to the previous quarter. The reasons for this are an increase in mental health activity and a change in the patient estate in response to Covid 19 including zoning – leading to more Doctors being called out and the on-call rota being very busy. Mitigations in this regard include a compensatory rest period post on-call and the provision of on-call accommodation if required. The Junior Doctors Forum is also setting up a task and finish group and further details on this will be reported in the next quarter's report. Rachel Bilsborough referred to the end of the report where the health and wellbeing of trainee medics was mentioned, asking if they would be aware of LPT's health and wellbeing offers. Avinash Hiremath confirmed that he is a health and wellbeing champion and ensures that all comms are sent on to Doctors and their teams. Currently they are actively exploring having a health and wellbeing lead for the Doctors. Avinash Hiremath confirmed that the rota remained safe despite the challenges of Covid thanks to the junior Doctors. They are currently discussing the number of Doctors required for Mental Health Act assessments out of hours .

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	The Chair confirmed that as the new Health and Wellbeing Guardian for the Trust if
	she could help in anyway, she would.
	Resolved: The Board received assurance from the Guardian of Safe Working
	Hours Report.
TB/20/198	IPC BAF update (Paper P)
	Anne Scott presented paper P. When this paper was presented at Board last time there were 66 key lines of enquiry (KLOEs) and self-assessments against 10 gaps. This process is being monitored through the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Group and QAC. 7 out of the 10 actions are now complete and action 3 has been strengthened. The board will continue to be informed of progress. Resolved: The Board received assurance from the IPC BAF update.
TB/20/199	Annual Flu Plan (Paper Q)
	Anne Scott presented paper Q. The key considerations of this year's plan are delivering a programme in a pandemic and the national expansion to include additional groups in the programme including those in more deprived areas and targeting BAME communities. The supply of vaccine poses a potential risk, LPT have ordered 4000. The vaccine is not vegetarian/vegan and this is causing some vaccine hesitancy. The flu action plan and Trust communication plan have been to the executive team and to QAC. The Chair confirmed that the Board are committed to the programme and will work to support its achievement. Darren Hickman commented that there was a new risk around flu on the ORR and Anne Scott confirmed that there has been a bigger push to promote the flu vaccine before the Covid vaccine arrives due to the progress each meeting. Resolved: The Board approved the flu action plan and Trust communication
	plan for the vaccine plan.
TB/20/200	 WRES & WDES Data and Action Plans (Paper Ri & Rii) Sarah Willis presented papers Ri and Rii confirming that both papers had been through the governance process and been to the staff support group, the Equality Diversity and Inclusion Group (EDI) and QAC. There is a statutory requirement to publish this data on the website by the end of October 2020. Resolved: The Board approved the WRES & WDES Data publication and Action Plans.
TB/20/201	Finance and Performance Committee Highlight Report 29 th September 2020
	(Paper S) Geoff Rowbotham presented paper S confirming that there were two themes of focus the Trust restoration and recovery programme and estates and facilities. Both of these areas were given split assurance from FPC. The Performance Report was also considered in detail with concerns raised around access particularly the 52 week waits and the personality disorder services. Resolved: The Board received assurance from the Finance and Performance Committee Highlight Report.
TB/20/202	Finance Monthly Report – Month 6 (Paper T)
	Dani Cecchini presented paper T month 6 Finance Report which is the final month of the previous Covid financial regime. The month 7-12 plan has now been signed off. Month 6 shows a break even relatively secure position. There is approximately £1million Covid reimbursement still awaiting confirmation. The significant cash balances are due to receiving income a month in advance. Future finance plans will start to focus on delivery against a plan. Resolved: The Board received assurance from the Finance Monthly Report.

Dani Cecchini presented paper U confirming that due to system change	s the
September 52 week wait data is not included in this report. The July and	d August
data for the 52 week wait continues to be deteriorating. The Performance	e report
and performance management arrangements are being reviewed at the	
October and the Board will be updated on the position after the meeting	
taking place on 30 th October. All waiting time trajectories have yet to be	
but should be clear and presented at the next FPC meeting on 24 th Nove	ember.
The chair commented that within section 3 in the report (access and wai	
standards) the narrative says inconsistent but several services are show	
so it is key that the report reflects the reality.	5
Mark Farmer (Heathwatch) commented that whilst the report was clear,	there was
some worrying data from a patient and carer perspective for example the	
team and the 5 day target – what plans do LPT and the system have to	
this? Dani Cecchini confirmed that there is a real opportunity to get this	
are still waiting for the mental health trajectories and are currently in talk	•
system around a system wide performance report. Outcomes and performance	
data could then be used to produce system wide improvements plans.	
Resolved: The Board received assurance from the Performance Re	port.
TB/20/204 Charitable Funds Committee Highlight Report – 15 th October 2020 (Pap	
Cathy Ellis presented paper V which detailed high levels of assurance in	
Raising Health continues to work on strategic priorities and is building re	
with corporate partners. There are many projects currently approved and	
and two new appeals have gone live – Raising a Smile – for inpatient Cl	
gifts and The Beacon Unit – supporting the development of this unit and	
fundraising for activities for young people including an outdoor shelter so	
garden can be used all year round.	
Marker Farmer (Healthwatch) commented that the idea of an animal pet	ting area
had been suggested for the Beacon unit. With regards to the mental hea	
training for staff – could this be extended to the public and staff in other	
organisations?	
Cathy Ellis confirmed that the current costings are for LPT staff only but	that they
can use it both at work and in their communities but extending the offer	-
an option to consider in the future.	
Faisal Hussain commented that UHL have a charity and is there any pos	ssibility of
working with together on projects? Cathy Ellis confirmed that we were w	
closely with UHL with regards to the £490,000 community funding that is	s available
for LLR. The two charities have a buddy relationship but are separate ch	narities with
specific aims and can only work together where there is a common aim.	
Sarah Willis added that the system has been given the opportunity to be	e a mental
health and wellbeing pilot site which will be for all mental health and soc	ial care
staff. Sarah Willis is the SRO for the hub and will keep Mark Farmer info	ormed of
progress on this.	
Resolved: The Board received assurance from the Charitable Fund	S
Committee Highlight Report.	
TB/20/205 Audit and Assurance Committee Highlight Report – 2 nd October 2020 (F	Paper W)
Darren Hickman presented the report and confirmed that this year's inte	
follow up rate is 100% which is great news and an improvement on pre-	
years.	
Resolved: The Board received assurance from the Audit and Assur	ance
Committee Highlight Report.	

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	people to respond for 6 weeks. Whilst confident that these changes will be helpful we are obviously committed to ensuring everyone has a say. We are sorry that this issue has caused distress but are confident that this process will give people the opportunity to have their views heard and to understand the help available in the future.
	Angela Hillery commented that it is important that people continue to give their feedback on matters.
TB/20/210	Review of today's meeting Angela Hillery commented that the timing of the meeting was good and to plan. The Chair commented that many of the reports were lengthy and detailed – these reports need to be more accessible to all and have a reduction in complex terminology.