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Trust Board 26 September 2023

Chief Executive's report

Purpose of the Report

This paper provides an update on current local issues and national policy developments since the last meeting. The details below are drawn from a variety of sources, including local meetings and information published by NHS England, NHS Providers, the NHS Confederation, and the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Analysis of the Issue

National Developments

Consultant and Junior Doctor Strike Action

Consultants begin their strike action on Tuesday (19 Sept) and are joined by junior doctors on Wednesday (20 Sept). On Wednesday from 7am, both junior doctors and consultants will deliver Christmas day levels of staffing only, meaning that while emergency care will be provided. Both groups will then strike on 2, 3 and 4 October, again providing Christmas day cover.

www.england.nhs.uk/2023/09/nhs-braced-for-unprecedented-walkout-as-junior-doctors-and-consultants-take-strike-action/

Covid Vaccinations

People at greatest risk of serious illness from COVID-19, including care home residents, over 65s and frontline health and social care workers, are eligible for an autumn vaccine booster.

The autumn covid vaccination is available from 18 September for those who are eligible. Adult who are eligible for winter vaccines, including all aged 65 and over, pregnant women and those with an underlying health condition will begin receiving invitations from the NHS to encourage them to get their covid and flu jabs from this week.

A covid vaccination for those aged under 18 years will begin later in the year.

www.england.nhs.uk/2023/09/nhs-booking-opens-for-life-saving-covid-vaccinations/

Annual Childrens Flu Vaccinations

The annual NHS [flu vaccination programme for children](#) aged 2 to 3 years, school age children and children over 6 months with certain health conditions is getting underway from this month. children in reception to year 11 will be offered the free nasal spray flu vaccine, delivered in schools by immunisation teams. Children aged 2 and 3 years (on or before 31 August) are eligible for the free nasal spray via their GP practice.

Children aged between 6 months and 2 years with a long-term health condition that makes them at higher risk from flu will be offered a flu vaccine injection instead of the nasal spray. This is because the nasal spray is not licensed for children aged under 2 years.

www.gov.uk/government/news/annual-childrens-flu-vaccination-programme-gets-underway

Lucy Letby Statutory Inquiry

Earlier this month, the Health and Social Care Secretary Steve Barclay gave an update to the House of Commons on the Lucy Letby Case. Letby was convicted of the murder of 7 babies and the attempted murders of 6 others. Crimes

she committed while working as a neonatal nurse at the Countess of Chester Hospital between June 2015 and June 2016. Steve Barclay confirmed that an independent inquiry has been ordered to investigate the events at the Countess of Chester Hospital, making clear the victims' families would shape this, and stated that they were "committed to putting in place robust safeguards to protect patient safety, and to make sure the lessons from this horrendous case are fully learned".

www.gov.uk/government/speeches/secretary-of-state-oral-statement-on-lucy-letby-statutory-inquiry

SIREN study

The UK Health Security Agency's study 'SIREN' is moving into its next phase during September 2023. The SARS-CoV-2 immunity and reinfection (SIREN) study has continually tested healthcare workers across the UK for COVID-19, providing information relating to the virus. The evidence it has collected on immunity, vaccination and emerging variants played a critical role in informing the national response. The work aimed at continuing to gather an understanding of the impact of these viruses on winter pressures in healthcare in winter 2022 will continue this year.

www.gov.uk/government/news/siren-study-expands-surveillance-of-respiratory-pathogens-ahead-of-winter

Winter Resilience

The Government is investing £200 million funding to boost NHS resilience this Winter to ensure that patients receive the care they need. Winter is the busiest time for the NHS, with increased pressures from flu, COVID-19 and seasonal illness - combined this year with ongoing pressure from industrial action. That's why the government has started planning earlier than ever before to ensure patients get the care they need.

www.gov.uk/government/news/200-million-to-boost-nhs-resilience-and-care-this-winter

NHS Capacity

As part of the NHS urgent and emergency care recovery plan published in January this year, £250 million of government funding has been allocated to NHS hospitals to increase capacity, this includes the creation of additional beds to treat patients more quickly and cut waiting lists. It will also support the increase of capacity though the winter period.

Thirty NHS organisations across England will benefit from the investment in urgent and emergency care services, including an allocation of funding for University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust.

www.gov.uk/government/news/250-million-to-boost-nhs-capacity-with-900-new-beds

Strategy to reduce suicide

A new national strategy aimed at reducing the number of suicides has been outlined by the Government, with the aim of reducing England's suicide rate within 2 and a half years (at the latest) with the launch of a new national suicide prevention strategy, this include the targeting of specific groups in our communities who are most at risk of suicide including children and young people, middle-aged men, autistic people, pregnant women and new mothers.

This strategy is part of a number of wider measures, including a national alert system, guidance for first responders, real-time surveillance of trends in suicide, and an ambition to grow the mental health workforce (see the [NHS Long Term Workforce Plan](#) for more detail).

www.gov.uk/government/news/major-national-strategy-to-reduce-number-of-tragic-suicides

Suicide Prevention Fund for Charity Sector

A fund has been made available by the Government for the charity sector to work along side the NHS is tackling suicide. Tens of thousands of people experiencing suicidal thoughts or approaching a mental health crisis will receive vital support, as the government relaunches a £10 million fund so charities can work with the NHS to provide life-saving suicide prevention services.

Charities in communities across England can now [apply for the latest round of funding from the Suicide Prevention Grant Fund](#) which will ensure as many people as possible can access the support and prevention services they need,

when they need it. Funding will also help prevent people reaching crisis point and reduce future demand for these services across both the charity sector and the NHS.

www.gov.uk/government/news/government-suicide-prevention-fund-for-charity-sector-to-be-boosted

Local Developments

AGM

Our annual general meeting took place on 11 September. Our AGM is open to our staff, our volunteers, our members and the wider public, and is an opportunity to hear about our Trust's highlights and achievements from over the last year. We presented our 2022/23 annual report and outlined our progress against our vision – creating high quality, compassionate care and wellbeing for all – and our journey to Step up to Great. If you would like to watch this event, the link is available on our website <https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/about/corporate-responsibilities/agma/>

Celebrating Excellence Awards

Our annual awards ceremony will be taking place on the 22 September 2023. Nominations for the Celebrating Excellence Awards recognise LPT staff, students and volunteers across a range of different categories and we look forward to announcing the winners and recognising the great work that takes place across the Trust.

World Sepsis Day

On Wednesday (13 September), our community hospitals marked World Sepsis Day by sharing a series of information displays. Sepsis accounts for at least 11 million deaths worldwide annually. Early recognition and treatment reduces sepsis mortality by 50%. Lack of knowledge makes sepsis the most preventable cause of death worldwide.

Sepsis arises when the body's response to an infection injures its own tissues and organs. It may lead to shock, multi-organ failure, and death – especially if not recognized early and treated promptly. Sepsis is the final common pathway to death from most infectious diseases worldwide, including viral infections such as Covid-19.

Postdoctoral clinical academic research fellow pharmacist gets published

An LPT postdoctoral clinical academic research fellow pharmacist, Dolly Sud, was the lead author of 'Utilisation of Health Technologies for Physical Health of People with Learning Disabilities: Point of Care Testing' which has recently been published and is open to access for free with support from Aston University.

World Patient Safety Day

The 17 September is World Patient Safety Day. This year the theme is “Engaging patients for patient safety” and the slogan is “Elevate the voice of patients!”. The World Health Organisation says: “As users of the healthcare system with first-hand experience of the entire patient journey, the perspectives of patients, families and caregivers are invaluable in improving patient safety.

Tracy Ward, LPT's head of patient safety, said she really welcomes the theme this year. “At LPT we are passionate about ensuring that our patients are really partners in their care and ultimately their safety. We are really clear that to truly achieve high quality and safe care we need to be working together collaboratively and valuing all insights to deliver individualised high-quality care. This year for World Patient Safety Day for the first time we are coming together as an Integrated Care Board and system. This demonstrates LLR's commitment to work together to deliver high quality care for our patients.

Black History Month 2023

October is Black History Month, and this year's theme is ‘Saluting Our Sisters’, dedicated to honouring the achievements of black women. LPT will be having a number of events to commemorate Black History Month, including virtual events, a sponsored walk, and an in-person event hosted by REACH, our Race Equality Staff Network.

Internationally Educated Nurses

A second group of LPT’s internationally educated nurses received their competency certificates at a special ceremony at the end of August 2023. They were presented with their OSCE paperwork by Duncan Burton, NHSE’s deputy chief nurse and head of international recruitment, at Leicester’s City Hall. He also presented the LPT international recruitment team with a certificate recognising the pastoral support given to our recent recruits from overseas.

Mr Burton said he also recognised that supporting international staff to settle into a new country was not a 9-5 job, “Colleagues have gone over and above consistently to provide that support.”

Bright Sparks – Making Waves Exhibition

The Bright Sparks Mental Health Annual Open Art Exhibition ‘Making Waves’ is now on, this is the twenty-second annual exhibition of artworks by mental health service users of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The exhibition will be held in Studio 3 Gallery at the Attenborough Arts Centre. Lancaster Road, Leicester LE1 7HA between the 12 September to 15 October 2023.

Asian Professionals National Alliance (APNA) NHS Awards and Conference

APNA is a voluntary organisation made up of NHS health and social care leaders of South Asian descent who come together to share ideas and support each other. APNA established their awards to recognise the contributions of NHS colleagues who are making positive changes, driving inclusivity and supporting our communities and partnerships.

The Trust made the shortlist for the work undertaken as part of the Leicestershire Partnership and Northamptonshire Healthcare Group, for promoting the EDI agenda.

Regional visits

- In August the Trust hosted a visit from Professor Nina Morgan Regional Chief Nurse NHSE and Dr. Caroline Trevithick ICB LLR Chief Nurse to Gwendolene Ward, Clarendon Ward and Beechwood Ward in the Evington centre.
- In September the LLR area received an NHSE regional visit with a focus on the delivery of urgent and emergency care across the across our integrated care system.

Relevant External Meetings attended, undertaken since last Trust Board meeting

Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive external meetings

August 2023	September 2023
LLR ICB system executive	LLR CEO Health and LA (4 th Sept)
LLR Integrated Care Board	NHS CEO & Trust chairs national event (6 th Sept)
MH Trusts Chief Executives	East midlands Alliance CEO’s (8 th Sept)
NHSE Head of Quality Transformation	LLR ICB system executive development (8 th Sept)
Teneo	Joint working group with NHFT (12 th September)
LLR CEO’s meeting	LLR ICB – Annual General Meeting (14 th Sept)
East Midlands Alliance CEO’s	LLR ICB Development session
NHS Chairs and CEO Discussion	LLR ICB Board
Derbyshire Healthcare CEO	APNA Conference (14 th & 15 th September)
Reach Network leads with NHFT	Proud 2 be ops – Leads meeting
NHS CEO’s Meeting	LLR shadow MH collaborative
UHL CEO	MH Trust Chief Executives
East Midlands Alliance Board	LLR ICB Chair
LLR ICB Chair’s meeting	*National CEO working group (MH)
	*HSJ judging panel
	*LLR CEO’s meeting
	*Future of work leading for tomorrow webinar newton Europe

August 2023	September 2023
	*UHL CEO

*planned meetings as at 18 September 2023

Proposal

It is proposed that the Board considers this report and seeks any clarification or further information pertaining to it as required.

Decision Required

The Board is asked to consider this report and to decide whether it requires any clarification or further information on the content.

Governance Table

For Board and Board Committees:	Trust Board 26 September 2023	
Paper sponsored by:	Angela Hillery, Chief Executive	
Paper authored by:	Angela Hillery, Chief Executive Kate Dyer, Acting Director of Corporate Governance (LPT)	
Date submitted:	18 September 2023	
State which Board Committee or other forum within the Trust’s governance structure, if any, have previously considered the report/this issue and the date of the relevant meeting(s):	None	
If considered elsewhere, state the level of assurance gained by the Board Committee or other forum i.e. assured/ partially assured / not assured:	n/a	
State whether this is a ‘one off’ report or, if not, when an update report will be provided for the purposes of corporate Agenda planning	Routine board report	
STEP up to GREAT strategic alignment*:	High Standards	
	Transformation	
	Environments	
	Patient Involvement	
	Well Governed	Yes
	Reaching Out	
	Equality, Leadership, Culture	
	Access to Services	
	Trust wide Quality Improvement	
Organisational Risk Register considerations:	List risk number and title of risk	none
Is the decision required consistent with LPT’s risk appetite:	Yes	
False and misleading information (FOMI) considerations:	None	
Positive confirmation that the content does not risk the safety of patients or the public	Confirmed	
Equality considerations:	None	