

Trust Board – 30 January 2024 – Chair’s Report

Purpose of the report

This is a regular report for information and accountability, summarising Chair and Non-Executive Director (NED) activities and key events relating to the Well-Led framework since the last Board meeting. Activities relating to formal Committees of the Board will be reported through custom reports.

Analysis of the Issue

Public, Patient and Staff Engagement

NED Boardwalks and other engagement activities undertaken in the period include:

- Visiting Learning Disability Crisis Response and Intensive Support Team
- Visiting the Phlebotomy Unit in Braunstone
- Joining a Talk and Listen Group for Learning Disability service users.

I was pleased to visit the Psychosis Intervention and Early Recovery (PIER) Team following their presentations to the September Public Board meeting and to meet with colleagues from the Mental Health Liaison Service based at LRI.

The Health and Wellbeing Roadshow at the Agnes Unit also provided a great opportunity to meet staff based at the Unit as well as learning about the wellbeing support available to colleagues.

Equality, Leadership and Culture

Highlights in this period include:

- A national Race Equity in Health conference bringing together a range of senior leaders to discuss racism and discrimination in healthcare – Chair.
- Panel member for a Career Planning Workshop supporting the NHSE Midlands Aspirant Director Talent Pool – Chair.
- A Together Against Racism (TAR) workshop launching the next stage of our joint programme with NHFT including an opportunity to hear more about the national Patient and Carer Race Equality Framework (PCREF) – Chair, Deputy Chair (with executive colleagues).
- A first ever joint Islamophobia event with NHFT – (attended and chaired by) Deputy Chair.
- An LLR Active Bystander Listening into Action event – Deputy Chair.
- Disability History Month sessions including colleagues from NHFT – Deputy Chair (3 events) and Chair (1 event).
- An LPT Medical Trainees Awards event recognising the contribution of our Trainee doctors – Chair (with executive colleagues).

Working with Partners and Stakeholders

In addition to the usual scheduled meetings between Chairs, there have been meetings between Chair and CEO colleagues from LLR to discuss the system's UEC position. I also attended an LLR ICB Board Development session which included an overview of Collaboratives in LLR and an update on Financial Planning for 2024/25. NEDs continue to engage with relevant ICB Committees where possible.

I met with the Chair of LPT's People's Council and LPT's Head of Patient Experience and Involvement to explore the work of the Council and the wider patient experience and involvement initiatives ongoing within the Trust. The intention is to attend a future meeting of the Council to build on this further.

The Deputy Chair attended and deputised for me at the Leicestershire Academic Health Partnership Board.

Board Development

A workshop took place on 12 December, at which the Board:

- Considered plans to refresh the Trust's strategy.
- Reviewed an NHS Impact Self-Assessment and next steps.
- Received an update on the development of the Trust's 24/25 Financial Plan and alignment with the LLR system.
- Reviewed the Trust's Digital Plan and future priorities.
- Reflected on the process and evidence associated with the Equality Delivery System, including improvements actions identified.

Raising Health

Recognising the role of the Charitable Funds Committee in the governance of Raising Health, we have agreed that the Deputy Chair will chair this Committee going forward. This will be reflected in revised Terms of Reference to be agreed at the next meeting. Current fundraising appeals are detailed at <https://www.raisinghealth.org.uk/>.

Proposal

The Board of Directors is invited to highlight any areas for discussion or clarification.

Decision Required

The Board of Directors is asked to note the content of this report.

Governance table

For Board and Board Committees:	Trust Board 30 January 2024	
Paper sponsored by:	Crishni Waring	
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Date submitted:	22 January 2024	
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):	N/A	
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	Reported at every public board meeting	
STEP up to GREAT strategic alignment*:	High Standards	X
	Transformation	
	Environments	
	Patient Involvement	X
	Well Governed	X
	Reaching out	X
	Equality, Leadership, Culture	X
	Access to Services	
	Trust Wide Quality Improvement	X
Organisational Risk Register considerations:	List risk number and title of risk	N/A
Is the decision required consistent with LPT's risk appetite:	N/A	
False and misleading information (FOMI) considerations:	None	
Positive confirmation that the content does not risk the safety of patients or the public	Yes	
Equality considerations:	Yes reflects the role of our staff networks and personal commitment to inclusion	

Abbreviations:

LLR = Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland

ICS = Integrated Care System, ICB = Integrated Care Board

UHL = University Hospitals of Leicester, LRI = Leicester Royal Infirmary

NHFT = Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

REACH = Race, Ethnicity & Cultural Heritage, EDI = Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

CEO = Chief Executive Officer