

Briefing from Informal Board Session - September 2022

Purpose

1. This report records the key topics discussed and the information shared at an informal board session held on 14 September 2022.
2. The Board of Directors were pleased to meet in person for this informal session.

Key topics discussed

3. The session started with an update on proposed changes to governance arrangements below the Integrated Performance Board to further strengthen reporting and oversight. The Director of Corporate Affairs provided an overview of the current position and the proposed steps to implement the proposed changes. All members of the Board had the opportunity to contribute and ask questions regarding the changes to support further implementation. Further information is provided in a separate report on the Board agenda at item 15.
4. Following the recent Well-Led Developmental Review completed by Mersey Internal Audit Agency, the members of the Board had an opportunity to consider the final report and jointly discuss the actions to address the areas identified for further development particularly in relation to KLOEs 2,4 and 8. Further information is provided in a separate report on the Board agenda at item 14.
5. A lunch and learn session was held which welcomed Service Directors across the 7 localities to join the members of the Board for lunch and an opportunity for informal engagement. Individually and collectively the Service Directors provided much assurance to members of the Board and demonstrated their determination to do the very best for the people we serve across our communities and for colleagues and teams across the Trust. The Chair and Chief Executive wrote to all those that attended to extend sincere thanks on behalf of the Board of Directors.
6. The afternoon session commenced with an update on digital maturity across the Trust and specifically progress in relation to the Electronic Health Record project. The Trust's Chief Information Officer and Advisor to the Board was present to share the update and to answer any questions.
7. The Chief Finance Officer provided an update on the financial position locally in the context of the System Oversight Framework and the Productivity & Efficiency Programme across the Trust.
8. The final session of the day included an update on the emerging governance arrangements at Place with the Director of Corporate Affairs sharing the latest position and current priorities.
9. The members of the Board will meet again in informal session in November 2022.

Alison Hughes
Director of Corporate Affairs

30 September 2022