

Briefing from Informal Board Session - November 2022

Purpose

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

Key topics discussed

3. The session started with a briefing from the Chief Nurse and the Trust's Head of Inclusion on some of the key initiatives from the Health Inequalities and Inclusion Strategy including strategy implementation, EDS2, The Prevention Pledge and the work of the new Population Health Fellow.
4. The Chief Executive provided a briefing for all members of the board on developments with the Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Community Provider Collaborative. This provided members with the opportunity to understand the emerging position, the next steps as requested by the ICS Board and anticipated timeframes.
5. The Director of Corporate Affairs facilitated a session to consider the mid-year position in relation to the strategic risks being monitored via the Board Assurance Framework. All members of the board recognised the regular oversight of strategic risks through committee and board meetings. There was discussion on a system strategic risk (ID03) which is being considered in the context of system governance and emerging arrangements; an update is provided to the Board of Directors at agenda item 12.
6. The interim Director of HR & OD facilitated a discussion on board diversity with board members recognising actions in the Workforce Race Equality Standard action plan discussed at the Education & Workforce Committee. The members of the board discussed opportunities in the local community and also at a wider national level with the Chair highlighting work emerging from the Leadership Academy to support aspirant members of the board from underrepresented groups.
7. The Chief Information Officer attended to provide an overview of cyber security arrangements at the Trust promoting a good discuss on current risks, interventions and mitigations. The members of the Board recognised cyber security as a key element of the Data Security & Protection Toolkit (DSPT) and welcomed leadership from the Digital Team and the members of the Information Governance & Data Security Group.
8. One item was deferred; it was agreed that the updated version of the action plan from the Well-Led Review would be circulated to members for comment by the Director of Corporate Affairs.
9. The members of the Board will meet again in informal session in January 2023.

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