

Briefing from Informal Board Session - September 2023

Purpose

1. This report records the key topics discussed and the information shared at an informal board session held on 20 September 2023.

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2. At the start of the day, a private meeting of the Board of Directors was convened to confirm the position in relation to NHS Cheshire & Merseyside expenditure controls, providing assurance to members of the Board on the arrangements in place across the Trust.
3. The first item on the informal agenda provided an opportunity for members of the Board to review the proposals to establish an Associate NED role for the Trust. It was agreed that this is an important and exciting development opportunity for the Trust and for individuals to develop the right skills for future Non-Executive Director roles. The members of the Board provided useful reflections to support the development of an information pack in order to promote the role in Q3, 2023-24.
4. The Director of Corporate Affairs and the Chief People Officer provided members of the Board with a briefing on the requirements of the new Fit and Proper Persons Test (FPPT) Framework which came into effect from 30 September 2023. The session outlined actions to be taken to ensure full compliance against the new framework, with members of the Board noting that the Trust already had robust processes in place in relation to compliance with Regulation 5.
5. Finally, the Chair and Director of Corporate Affairs provided board members with a briefing on the Northwest Leadership Academy board development programme offer and discussions that have taken place thus far to support the Trust and proposed next steps. The members of the Board welcomed the proposals being explored recognising the opportunity to enhance and sustain the Board which is already a very well-functioning high performing Board.
6. The members of the Board will meet again in informal session in November 2023.

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