

Briefing from Informal Board Session - February 2024

Purpose

1. This report records the key topics discussed and the information shared at an informal board session held on 10 January 2024.

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2. The session started with guest speakers from Weightmans LLP who provided a useful briefing outlining the legal challenges faced by Boards and offering practical tips on dealing with them. The areas covered in the session included Board members' exposure in criminal proceedings including corporate manslaughter, the Fit and Proper Person regime, risks of GMC/NMC referral and employment law and HR issues arising from a criminal investigation.
3. The next item provided members of the Board with a briefing on the mobilisation of the Lancashire contract including the establishment of the project team and engagement with commissioners and the current service provider.
4. The Chief People Officer and Director of Corporate Affairs provided an update on the development of the bespoke Board Development Programme, supported by the North West Leadership Academy (NWLA). The members of the Board welcomed the approach and support being offered by the NWLA with an acknowledgement of the different and innovative approach being taken. The Board will complete the first element of the programme in late February 2024.
5. Finally, the Medical Director / Executive Lead for Freedom To Speak Up, shared a board member questionnaire inviting completion in order to inform an informal board session in March 2024.

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