

Reports from the sub committees of the Board and Informal Board – July & August 2022

Meeting	Board of Directors		
Date	17/08/2022	Agenda item	10
Lead Director	Alison Hughes, Director of Corporate Affairs		
Author(s)	Non-Executive Chairs of the committees		
Action required (please tick the appropriate box)			
To Approve <input type="checkbox"/>	To Discuss <input type="checkbox"/>	To Assure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Purpose			
<p>The reports from the sub-committees of the Board are presented as verbal updates from the Non-Executive Chairs of the committees.</p> <p>The purpose of these updates is to provide a summary of the key topics discussed at each, any approvals given and to highlight any areas for escalation to the Board of Directors.</p> <p>A written summary report is also provided on the bi-monthly Informal Board meetings which form part of a formal programme of informal sessions.</p>			
Executive Summary			
<p>The sub-committees of the Board meet on a bi-monthly basis with the Audit Committee meeting four/five times each year.</p> <p>Reports from the following meetings are provided to the Board of Directors for assurance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit Committee - 20 June 2022 • Quality & Safety Committee - 6 July 2022 • Informal Board - 13 July 2022 • Finance & Performance Committee - 3 August 2022 • Education & Workforce Committee - 10 August 2022 • Staff Council - 6 July 2022 			
Risks and opportunities:			
No risks identified.			
Quality/inclusion considerations:			
<p>Quality Impact Assessment completed and attached No</p> <p>Equality Impact Assessment completed and attached No</p> <p>The committees receive QI and EI assessments for specific programmes of work or procedural documents as they are presented. There is no assessment associated with these verbal or written updates.</p>			
Financial/resource implications:			
No financial or resource implications identified.			
Trust Strategic Objectives			
<i>Please select the top three Trust Strategic Objectives that this report relates to, from the drop down boxes below.</i>			
Our Populations - outstanding, safe care every time	Our People - improving staff engagement	Our Performance - delivering against contracts and financial requirements	
Board of Directors is asked to consider the following action			

The Board of Directors is asked to note the contents of the report and be assured by the updates provided.

Report history

Submitted to	Date	Brief summary of outcome
Board of Directors	Bi-monthly regular report to public Board of Directors	The report is received for information and assurance purposes.

Briefing from Informal Board Session - July 2022

Purpose

1. This is a brief report to record the key topics discussed and the information shared at an informal board session held on 13 July 2022. The Board of Directors were pleased to meet in person for this informal session, ensuring compliance with all appropriate IPC measures.
2. The Trust's Chair, Professor Michael Brown was not present for the session. Therefore Beverley Jordan, Non-Executive Director and Deputy Chair presided over the meeting.

Key topics discussed

3. The session started with members of the Board receiving a presentation from the Deputy Director of Adult Social Care in two parts. The first provided a briefing on the government white paper 'People at the Heart of Care' - [People at the Heart of Care: adult social care reform white paper - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/people-at-the-heart-of-care-adult-social-care-reform-white-paper) (updated in March 2022) and how it will inform forward planning and service delivery across the Trust and with local partners. The second part provided an update on the new regulatory requirements associated with the Liberty Protection Safeguards including the Trust's approach to preparing for the subsequent changes.
4. The Chief Nurse provided members of the Board with a summary of new guidance published by NHSE/I and the National Guardian's Office in June 2022, 'Freedom to Speak Up - a guide for leaders in the NHS and organisations delivering NHS services' [B1245 ii NHS-freedom-to-speak-up-guide-eBook.pdf \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/media/1245/ii-nhs-freedom-to-speak-up-guide-eBook.pdf). This provided members of the Board the opportunity to reflect on the themes and learning reported in the FTSU Annual Report to the Board in June 2022 and to consider the eight principles described in the guide and the self-reflection tool. It was recognised that the guide and planning tool will be useful to help to identify strengths in individuals, teams and the Trust. The Chief Nurse noted that the Education & Workforce Committee would receive further updates.
5. The Medical Director provided an update on Innovation and Research opportunities across the Trust with a focus on the work on-going to address the quality goal to create an environment where innovation and research flourish.
6. The Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer / Deputy Chief Executive facilitated a session to update members of the Board on
 - The Health & Social Care Act 2022
 - The NHS System Oversight Framework
 - Local ICS arrangements
 - Wirral Place arrangements
 - Current sitrep
7. The session closed allowing time for board members to attend a trust-wide Quality Improvement Celebration and Learning Event with staff and services sharing learning and transformational work.
8. The members of the Board will meet again in informal session in September 2022.

Alison Hughes
Director of Corporate Affairs
13 July 2022