

## **Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

### **Chair's Briefing Report – September 2021**

#### **Board of Directors**

I am delighted to share with you, my Chair Board Briefing Report for August and September. Below, I have highlighted some of my key engagements and developments since my last report.

#### **Partner Engagement**

- Individually, I met with Terry Hudson, Chair, NHS Sheffield CCG; Keith Ramsay, Chair, Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust, Professor Sir John Burns, Chair, Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Trust and Lord Amyas Morse, Chair of London North West University Healthcare Trust.
- I attended the bi-monthly Acute Federation Chairs/CEO meeting followed by the Acute Federation Chairs/CEO and Integrated Care System joint meeting.
- I was invited by Richard Caborn to a tour of the Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park
- Along with the Chief Executive, Chief Nurse and Medical Director (Operations), I attended the introductory meeting with the Maternity Safety Support Programme (MSSP)
- The Chief Operating Officer and I joined the Regional Roadshow for the North West and North East and Yorkshire where Amanda Pritchard (NHS Chief Executive) and Mark Cubbon (Interim NHS Chief Operating Officer) led the session.

#### **Trust Engagement**

- Supported by the Chief Executive I undertook the monthly briefing with Sheffield MPs, updating them on various issues, including Covid, CQC and the Vaccination Programme.
- I chaired the Consultant Gastroenterologist Interviews.
- The Chief Executive and I delivered the monthly Governors' Board Briefing and was invited to attend the Governors Forum with Non-Executive Director Maggie Porteous.
- As Chair of STH, I attended my quarterly Officer Governor and Staff Governor discussions.
- I was delighted to resume my visits to see our wonderful services in action, meeting and talking with staff. I had the privilege of commencing my visits to the South Yorkshire Regional Services of Cardiac; Vascular and Renal, followed by a visit to the Theatres at Royal Hallamshire Hospital and Ear, Nose and Throat. Thank you to Helen Brown, Nurse Director; Karl Brennan, Clinical Director and Jaydip Ray, Clinical Director for escorting me around their specialities.
- As I write this report I am looking forward to Chairing my first Annual Members Meeting albeit virtually. I am particularly interested in Dr Kevin Smith's presentation on Health Equalities.

#### **Developments**

- The draft Health and Care Bill has now passed from the House of Commons to the Committee stage and Integrated Care Systems are on track to become statutory bodies from April 2022. There are 42 Integrated Care Systems with 17 Chair posts advertised nationally in July 2021. The remaining 25 Integrated Care Systems

underwent local processes to appoint an Independent Chair/ Chair Designate. This process has been undertaken in South Yorkshire and the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Integrated Care System Independent Chair and South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board Chair Designate is now Pearse Butler. Pearse will bring a range of experience to the role, having previously held chair positions at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust. I look forward to working with Pearse as the Integrated Care System develops.

- My annual performance appraisal and objectives for 2021/22 have been approved by the Regional Director. Again, I would like to thank Governors, Board members and external partners for their feedback.

Annette Laban  
Chair  
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