

Agenda Item: 6.0

# Governing Body Meeting

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# REPORT

<b>Subject</b>	Chairs Report
<b>Date</b>	2 November 2017
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### Executive Summary

The report gives an update to the Governing Body since my last report to our meeting in September 2017.

### Recommendation

The Governing Body is requested to NOTE the content of the report.

### Links to the business and risks

#### Relevant Strategic Priorities 2016/17 (please mark in bold)

1. Systematically implementing prevention, early diagnosis and early intervention
2. Commissioning services that deliver evidence-based care, in the right place and at the right time, including promoting self-care and empowering patients to manage their own conditions.
3. Making sure that care is high quality, safe and sustainable, that it improves health outcomes and wellbeing and provides a good patient experience.
- 4. Using the statutory framework with best practice governance and transparency principles to be fully accountable to our population in commissioning and operating as a part of the wider health system**
5. Ensure that the CCG commissions and operates in a financial manner consistent with the regulatory framework, long term sustainability and best use of public money.
6. We will work in close partnership with all the organisations who commission or provide care for our population, to integrate services where it makes sense and to achieve seamless transitions of care for patients where services remain separate.
- 7. Embedding member, public, patient, carer, staff and other stakeholders' views through meaningful engagement into decision-making processes and commissioning intentions.**

#### Links to Board Assurance Framework / Corporate Risk Register

Not applicable for this report

<b>Details of additional risks associated with this paper (may include NHS England Assurance Framework / NHS Constitution)</b>	Not applicable for this report
<b>Financial Implications / impact</b>	None identified
<b>Legal Implications / impact</b>	None identified
<b>Partnership work / public engagement implications / impact</b>	Not applicable
<b>Committees / groups where this has been discussed before</b>	Not applicable
<b>Other options available and their pros and cons</b>	Not applicable
<b>Background papers</b>	None

## **1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to update the Governing Body on my work since our last meeting in September 2017.

## **2. Governance and Organisational Development**

I have attended two meetings with the Regional Director, Dr Paul Watson, the first on 8 September and the most recent on 11 October 2017.

At the former, we were tasked with producing a Financial Recovery Plan as well as actions to improve clinical leadership and engagement. We returned recently and received support for our plan and approval of the steps taken thus far. We will meet Dr Watson again in November.

We had a productive Governing Body Development Session on 5 October 2017. We received updates on key operational issues such as the Non-Emergency Patient Transport Service and the Community Services Procurement, followed by time to reflect and consider our operating environment by means of PESTLE and SWOT analyses. We then went on to discuss our organisation's Strategic Objectives and Operational Risks. Finally we had a presentation from Dr Nina Pearson, Clinical Chair of Luton CCG, on the work which they are doing with Luton Borough Council and the Concordat which the two organisations have signed.

## **3. Clinical Leadership**

The aim of this workstream is to increase clinical input into our commissioning activities.

- **Bedford Hospital Merger With Luton & Dunstable Hospital**

Sarah Thompson and I met with our counterparts in Bedford Hospital, Stephen Conroy and Gordon Johns, to discuss the above on 20 September 2017.

We considered the implications for our two organisations as well as the opportunities and stability which the merger would bring. Further discussions are ongoing.

- **GP Members' Forum**

I chaired the GP Members' Forum on 21 September 2017.

One of the main issues for members to discuss was the CCG taking on Delegated Commissioning of General Practice. To support this, our keynote speaker was Dr Raj Bajwa, Clinical Chair of Chiltern CCG, who spoke to us about his organisation's experience of this. In particular, they were able to modify the element of GP performance related funding (the Quality and Outcomes Framework, QoF) to better reflect their health system's priorities.

There was an extended discussion about GP Peer Review of elective referrals, with concerns raised about issues including the additional workload which this would entail, where the clinical responsibility lay, and potential of delays to patient management. On the positive side, GP members whose practices were already doing this spoke about the educational benefits for GPs as well as identifying alternative pathways for patient care which might result in more timely management of their problems.

- **Result of Membership Vote on Delegated Commissioning**

I was pleased to be able to announce the result of the above, the Ballot being run by the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Local Medical Committee, the vote closing on Monday 9 October 2017.

70% of member practices voted, and 68% were in favour of taking on Delegated Commissioning.

I am grateful to member practices for having taken the time to consider the issues, and for their support of the organisation in taking this forwards.

#### **4. Patient, Public and Stakeholder Engagement**

As Chair it is vital that I promote our organisational aims to the wider audience in order to maximise our credibility as a leader of our local NHS.

- **Bedfordshire CCG Annual General Meeting**

I chaired our Annual General Meeting on the evening of 21 September 2017.

This was well attended by members of the public and representatives from member practices. We gave a highlight of our key achievements in the past year as well as our financial position.

As always, our public showed themselves to be very well informed and asked us some extremely pertinent and searching questions in the Question & Answer session. I very much welcomed the challenges and hoped that I was able to give a clear account of our organisation's priorities.

**Alvin Low**  
**Clinical Chair**  
**12<sup>th</sup> October 2017**