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REPORT

Subject	Chairs Report
Date	6 th July 2017
Author	Dr Alvin Low, BCCG Chair
Lead Director	Jane Meggitt, Director of Communication and Corporate Affairs

Executive Summary

The report gives an update to the Governing Body since my last report to our meeting in June 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

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

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Title: Report Of The Chair	Agenda Item:6
Presented by: Dr Alvin Low, Clinical Chair	
Author: Dr Alvin Low, Clinical Chair	
Responsible Executive Director: Jane Meggitt	
Has this paper been signed off by the Responsible Executive Director? Yes.	
Actions/ Recommendations required by the Governing Body: The Governing Body is asked to note the content of this report.	
Purpose of Paper: The purpose of this paper is to update the Governing Body on the work of the Chair since its last meeting.	
Strategy Implications: None identified.	
Financial Implications: None identified.	
Risks: None.	
Legal: None.	
Has appropriate engagement and consultation taken place? Not applicable.	
Has an appropriate equality and diversity assessment taken place? Not applicable.	

1. Introduction

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

2. Governance and Organisational Development

I chaired the committee which appointed Sarah Thompson as the new Accountable Officer to replace Matthew Tait. Sarah starts work with us on 24 July 2017. I am very grateful to Donna Derby, Director of Commissioning, for taking on the role of Interim Accountable Officer prior to Sarah taking up the substantive role.

The Executive Management Team has updated our organisation's strategic objectives, which the Governing Body discussed and agreed at a development session on 1 June 2017.

I was delighted to receive notification that our organisation's legal directions had been lifted on 18 June 2017. This is testament to the excellent work of our Executive Management Team and our staff, both of whom I would like to thank on behalf of our member practices and Governing Body.

3. Clinical Leadership

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

- **Out Of Hours Service**

I have been working with commissioning colleagues to address the difficulties with the current service.

I met with GPs on the Local Medical Committee (LMC) on 18 May 2017 to discuss their concerns and seek their views. Following this, I arranged a meeting with GP colleagues who lead or have led Out Of Hours services locally. This took place on 15 June 2017. I and locality chairs received an account of issues leading up to the mobilisation of the new service, as well as current operational concerns. This additional perspective has helped inform the work which colleagues from commissioning and our quality team are doing to improve the current service.

- **Clinical Leads Presentation: All Staff Meeting**

It is important that staff have an opportunity to hear how their efforts are making a difference to the patients and public whom we serve.

I was pleased to introduce Dr Kay Elliott, clinical lead for cancer, and Dr Roshan Jayalath, clinical lead for mental health, to colleagues at the staff meeting on 8th June 2017. They described priorities for their particular areas and how their commissioning colleagues were helping these to progress.

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.

- **Central Bedfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board**

I was pleased to meet with Councillor Brian Spurr, Executive Member for Health for Central Bedfordshire Council, on 8th June 2017. Councillor Spurr has recently been elected chair of Central Bedfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board. I was able to update him on our organisation's priorities and offered him my full support in taking forwards the work of the Board in the future.

Alvin Low
Clinical Chair
27th June 2017