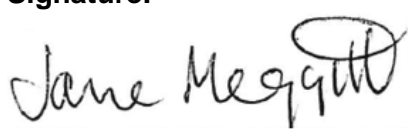


Agenda Item: 7.0

<p>Governing Body <i>held in public</i></p>	<p>Report Date of Meeting: 25 January 2018</p>
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Report Title	Chair's Report		
Report Author	Presented By	Responsible Director	
Dr Alvin Low, BCCG Chair		Jane Meggitt, Director of Governance, Risk and Corporate Services Signature: 	
Purpose for presenting report	The report gives an update to the Governing Body since my last report to our meeting in November 2017.		
Action Required:	For information only		
Approval Route:	Not applicable for this report		
Further Assurance:	Not applicable for this report		
Which Strategic Objectives does this report provide evidence for?	Please Tick ✓		
We will commission high quality, safe and sustainable models of care that deliver effective clinical outcomes and patient experience using evidence based decisions and best practice			
We will ensure that there is a financially sustainable and affordable healthcare system in Bedfordshire.			
We will lead, engage and operate as an effective place based and STP wide system partner to achieve greater integration of care delivery.			
We will support local people and stakeholders to have an influence on services we commission to ensure our decisions are informed and shaped by local views and insights.			
We will operate and manage our Governing Body to the highest standards of accountability and transparency.			
Implications/Assessments	Yes	No	N/A
Have any financial implications been signed off by the Chief Finance Officer?			✓
Have any quality implications been signed off by the Director of Nursing & Quality?			✓
Have any privacy implications been signed off by the Head of Information Governance?			✓
Have any conflicts of interest implications been signed off by the Corporate Office?			✓
Have any public engagement implications been signed off by the Head of Communications & Engagement?			✓

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?			✓
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1. Introduction

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

2. Governance and Organisational Development

I have attended two further meetings with the Regional Director, Dr Paul Watson, the first on 8 November 2017 and 17 January 2018.

We will continue to have monthly meetings to provide assurance on our work on financial recovery.

3. Clinical Leadership

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

- **Meeting With NHS England Regional Medical Director**

I chaired a meeting between Locality Governing Body members and Dr David Levy, Regional Medical Director for NHS England - Midlands and East on 30 November 2017. He was joined by his deputy, Dr Mark Sanderson.

Discussion points included:

- Strengthening out of hospital services;
- Clinical leadership of the emerging Accountable Care System;
- Right Care delivery and the opportunity to improve clinical outcomes, and;
- How best to support general practice in Bedfordshire.

A follow up meeting is being arranged for a detailed discussion on the last item.

- **Winter Pressures**

I led a discussion with locality chairs on 4 January 2018 to consider how general practice and out of hospital services could support the system pressures. A range of options were proposed and practices were emailed asking for their co-operation.

I am pleased to have received additional suggestions from Bedfordshire GPs which I am sharing with the management team.

4. Patient, Public and Stakeholder Engagement

As Chair it is vital that I promote our organisational aims to a wider audience to gain support for our work.

- **Meetings with Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Councils**

I attended a meeting of the Social Care, Health & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Central Bedfordshire Council on 27 November 2017, to present an update on general practice in the area.

Committee members stressed the need for a continuing well staffed GP service, welcomed the progress which had been made, and requested further updates at subsequent meetings.

I also attended a meeting of the Adult Services and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee of Bedford Borough Council on 12 December 2017 to talk about Extended Access to General Practice.

The committee enquired about plans for practices in Bedford to collaborate as well as measures to improve access to general practice. Committee members requested a follow up report at a later date.

- **Meeting with Healthwatch Bedford Borough**

I met with Laurie Hurn and Emma Freda of Healthwatch Bedford Borough on 29 November 2017.

I was very pleased to hear about the Diabetes UK Queens Park launch event, and was also advised about the survey which Healthwatch Bedford Borough have carried out at Bedford Hospital's Emergency Department.

Dr Alvin Low
Clinical Chair
18th January 2018