

Appointments & Remuneration Committee

Since the last Board meeting I have attended two meetings of the ARC to progress the appointment of a Non-Executive Director to replace David Adam on his retirement in February 2014. I will update Directors verbally on the status of this recruitment at the Board meeting.

Contact Programme

On 15 August the Director of Strategy & Business Development and I met Cllr Dave Green, Leader of Bradford MDC, to brief him on the Trust's vision for local healthcare provision. He was very supportive of the Trust's view and keen to make practical progress quickly towards agreed objectives. This meeting had followed a very successful presentation by Cllr Green to the Governors' Network on 8 August on the work of the Bradford Health & Wellbeing Board. Amongst the topics discussed at both these meetings was the membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board.

On 8 August the Director of Strategy & Business Development and I met Cllr Ralph Berry, political lead for Children & Young People's Services on Bradford MDC, to brief him on the Trust's vision. This was a highly interactive and productive session and Cllr Berry was very supportive of the Trust's vision.

On 6 September I met Mike Smith, Chairman of BDCT, to share the Trust's experience with him of managing the relationship between an FT Board and its Council of Governors. The discussion also covered the progress of BDCT's FT application and Mike expressed confidence that the Care Trust would progress to FT authorisation on 1 April 2014.

Council of Governors

Since the last Board meeting I have briefed the Governors' Network on two occasions. I have also, now, met all but one of the new Governor in-take. Directors will be aware that Anne Medley has been elected (unopposed) as Lead Governor to succeed Adrian Mornin on his retirement from the role at the October Council of Governors.

North & East Yorkshire Chairs Meeting

Following the demise of the NY&Y PCT, the chairmen of the provider Trusts in North and East Yorkshire agreed to form a group to meet bi-monthly to discuss mutual concerns. I attended the second meeting of this group at Bootham Park Hospital on 7 August. The issues discussed were:

- Performance of the 111 service,
- The use to which the PCTs/CCGs have been putting the emergency tariff 70%,
- The financial outlook for CCGs in the Region,
- The disincentive to investment of short community service contracts,
- Membership of Health & Wellbeing Boards,
- Application within the Region of 'Any Qualified Provider',
- Opportunities for co-operation regionally on Governor training,
- Provider configuration in the Region,
- Innovations in Consultant engagement,
- Premium payments to Consultants.

The Chatham House Rule applies, there is a high degree of mutual confidence within the group and these meetings are therefore highly productive.

Non-Executive Informal

On 16 September I held one of the six monthly informal meetings of Non-Executive Directors. By the time of the Board meeting I will have briefed the Chief Executive on the key issues discussed at this meeting.

Clinical Governance

On 21 August the new chairman of CSAC, Mike Toop, and I met with the Medical Director and the Assistant Director of Healthcare Governance to review the operation of the Trust's clinical governance arrangements, particularly in light of the CQC hospital inspection.

Fundraising

On 25 July the Trust fundraiser, Bronagh Daly, and I met representatives of 'One in a Million', the Bradford free school promoters to discuss joint fundraising.