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<b>Purpose of the Report</b>
To inform the Board of the Chair's activities.

<b>Key points for discussion</b>
<p>The principal activity since the last Board meeting relates to the appointment of a new Chief Executive for Airedale NHS Foundation Trust, who will also lead the Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Health and Care Partnership.</p> <p>Following a comprehensive recruitment process, our Board appointed Brendan Brown who is currently the Chief Nurse and Deputy Chief Executive of Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust.</p> <p>There was a strong field of candidates from which the Board is delighted to appoint Brendan. Brendan brings a wealth of experience of leading in an acute setting and working with partners across a wider health and care system, having begun his career with Derby Hospitals NHS FT, before moving to Burton Hospitals NHS FT where his skills propelled him to senior leadership roles, before his relocation to Yorkshire in 2016.</p> <p>Brendan's capabilities and experience of large and smaller hospitals, and the part they play in serving the needs of different communities, will be invaluable in his new role where he will lead Airedale's involvement in our ongoing collaboration and system working.</p> <p>Brendan's appointment follows Bridget Fletcher's announcement to retire in May after her long and successful career in the NHS. Having recently completed her annual performance review for 2017/18, it was recognised that Bridget leaves a strong legacy. We thank her for all that she has achieved over a number of years and wish her all the very best for the future.</p> <p>The next recruitment will be a Non-Executive Director (NED) and ARC (Appointments and Remuneration Committee) are leading that. Operating with a NED vacancy for 5 months, that recruitment will complete the Board succession. As Chair I recently undertook annual performance review meetings for the other NEDs, and each has specific objectives for the year ended 31 March 2019 that have now been agreed with ARC. That mirrors what Bridget Fletcher has done with each of the Executive Directors with those to be agreed at BART (Board Appointments Remuneration and Terms of service committee).</p> <p>Similarly in my capacity as Chair of Governors I have had involvement in the development of the evaluation process to assess the effectiveness of the Governors as a whole. The timing of this will assist the induction of the new Governors, with the closing date for applications to be a Governor recently</p>

having closed. All these performance assessments, along with the agreeing of objectives and development plans associated with those, demonstrate the commitment throughout the organisation to Airedale's continuous improvement culture.

Since the last Board the year end, 31 March, has passed. Alongside the continuing strong patient safety and quality measures, it is testament to the efforts of colleagues that the initial submission of results to NHS Improvement (NHSI) show Airedale has achieved its control total for the year ended 31 March 2018. In addition the annual plan for 2018/19 is to be submitted imminently. It is pleasing that NHSI had recognised the work done by Airedale in agreeing a suitable control total for the year ended 31 March 2019. Although inevitably it is stretching in its very nature, I am confident that colleagues across Airedale will continue to work towards our aim of providing excellent healthcare to local people with the financial resources it has available.

Airedale's digital aspirations have been reinforced in a recent business case to articulate how technology could be embraced further in the day to day activity undertaken. This mirrors the expectation of the public and their growing use of technology in everyday life and can play a vital role in serving Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven as it is ostensibly a rural community. Such evolution is another example of how innovation and the change associated with that continues to give Airedale having a key role in continuing to be a thriving, vibrant, sustainable part of the health care system for Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven that Brendan Brown will lead and for which it is envisaged he will have our unequivocal support.

**Recommendation**

The Board is asked to receive and note the Chair's briefing.