

Report To:	Governing Body Meetings in Common
Report Title:	Accountable Officer's Report
Report From:	Adrian Stokes, Interim Accountable Officer
Date:	22 January 2020
Previously Considered by:	Not applicable

Action Required (*delete as appropriate*)

Decision:		Assurance:		Information:	✓	Confidential	
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Purpose of the Report:

The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Governing Bodies with information on key activities undertaken by the Accountable Officer since the last Governing Body meetings in common in November 2019, and any pertinent issues not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Key Points:

The following contains an update on the key priorities detailed in my previous Governing Body report alongside a series of additional issues I believe the Governing Body should be aware of;

The following details what I believe the key priorities are for the next six months and a range of current issues I think the Governing Body should be aware of.

Key Priorities

1. **Financial recovery** – good work continues on developing an iterative recovery plan, planning for our medium term financial plan and having discussions with providers around year end positions linked to longer term contracts to give increased security to the CCG's.
2. **Stroke Consultation** – Consultation event started on January 6th and have so far been well attended. There are an additional three HOSC's to attend and planning for implementation following consultation is the next key step.
3. **Joining up at Place** – Continued work around relationships and potential for joint posts continues. We need to focus now on developing a place narrative and looking at place aspirations through our Governing Bodies.
4. **Future Commissioning structures** – We now believe that we have shared sufficient information with members and been clear on the Governing Body rationale for its recommendation of Full Merger. The date for the vote is scheduled to start on 27th January and be open for two weeks
5. **Performance** – An external review of our management of Transforming Care has been received and ensuring we respond quickly and effectively to those recommendations is important. This will involve the commissioning of improved Autism services
6. **Internal Governance and Decision Making** – We continue to make progress with the formalisation of a Directors meeting, strengthened Executives and Executive Development time scheduled in for the next six months. It is hoped that this is already being felt by Governing Body and it's sub committees in what is being reported and how it is being reported. The December informal Governing Body looking at our strategic objectives was excellent and should help with our planning, risk management and communication with staff in the coming 12 months.

Other Key Issues to be aware of;

- The Equality Delivery System (EDS) is a tool for organisations to review and improve their performance for people with characteristics protected by the Equality Act 2010. NHSE and NHSI have revised the EDS and it is anticipated that the new version will be launched in Quarter 1 2020/21. It has been agreed with the Senior Programme Manager for Equality and Health Inequalities Unit at NHS England and NHS Improvement that NHS Coventry and Rugby and NHS Warwickshire North will take part in the pilot of the revised EDS negating the need to complete the EDS2 for 2019/20. This is an exciting opportunity to play a role in supporting the effectiveness of this tool across the NHS to help organisations better meet the needs of their patients for years to come.
- A review of themes around complaints has led to needing to look more closely at our Continuing Healthcare processes. It is suggested that this is led through our Quality Committee.
- The Governing Body is asked to note we will be looking at signing up to a wider NHS pledge to reduce plastic usage.
- In addition to the work on strategic objectives we will be looking at our values and how we communicate this to our staff over the coming year. The Governing Body will be involved throughout this process.

Recommendation:

The Governing Bodies are requested to **NOTE** the report.

Implications

Objective(s) / Plans supported by this report:	Constitution, Leadership IAF Domain						
Conflicts of Interest:	None identified.						
Financial:	Non-Recurrent Expenditure:	Not applicable.					
	Recurrent Expenditure:	Not applicable.					
	Is this expenditure included within the CCG's Financial Plan? (Delete as appropriate)	Yes		No		N/A	✓
Performance:	None identified.						
Quality and Safety:	None identified.						
Equality and Diversity:	General Statement: The CCG is committed to fulfil its obligations under the Equality Act 2010, and to ensure services commissioned by the CCG are non-discriminatory on the grounds of any protected characteristics. Policies/decisions may need to be adjusted in line with any equality analysis or due regard. Any decision that is finalised without being influenced by appropriate due regard could be deemed unlawful.						
	Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken? (Delete as appropriate)	Yes (attached)		No		N/A	✓
Patient and Public Engagement:	None identified.						
Clinical Engagement:	See Key priorities and issues						
Risk and Assurance:	None identified.						