Board of Directors Meeting 23 May 2018

Meeting Summary

1. Patient Story – A mother of a five month old baby attended the meeting to talk about her experience of the Trust Health Visiting service. The mother commented that she had felt more listened to by her Health Visitor, when talking about her son’s weight and feeding difficulties, than any other service she had encountered.

2. Board Briefing – The Board received a briefing on local and national topics.

3. Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 – the Board received the ISA 260 report from the Trust External Auditors and approved the Annual Report and Accounts, including the Quality Report, for submission to Parliament.

4. Chief Executive’s Report – The Chief Executive reported on the transfer of a ward from St Leonard’s Hospital to The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, progress with the bid for urgent care services in the County, the pending announcement of the selection of Dorset as an integrated care system, local government restructuring in Parliament and progress with the Dorset Estates Plan.

5. Integrated Corporate Dashboard – The Board reviewed key indicators for April. Board members discussed, in particular, the increasing acuity of patients on inpatient mental health wards.

6. Finance Report for February – The Board noted that at the end of April the Trust surplus was £684,000. This was £151,000 ahead of the budget. It was anticipated that the quarter one control total would be met. Of the cost improvement programme of £8.7m for the year, £2.2m had been achieved in April. The Use of Resources Rating within the Single Oversight Framework was 1, which was in accordance with the plan for the year.

7. Staff Survey Results – The Board noted an in-depth evaluation of the results. A report will be made to the next meeting on themes emerging from the action plans developed in response to the results.

8. Year-End Review 2017/18 and Stages of Excellence – the Board noted the year-end review and progress in delivering the strategic objectives (as measured through the Stages of Excellence methodology). It was agreed in future years the annual assessment of progress against the Better Every Day programme would incorporate a reflection of progress against strategic goals.

9. Mental Health Strategy Implementation – the Board agreed the strategic outline business case for the development of mental health services. This included the priority investment list and the schemes that would be developed to full business case in 2018/19. The Executive was asked to identify external sources of funding to support the implementation of the business case.

10. Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspection Report 2017 – the Board received a report setting out the outcome of the 2017 CQC inspection of the Trust. The Board noted that six core services had improved their overall ratings and two-Child and Adolescent Mental Health services had improved their ratings.
Health wards and Forensic Community Services—being rated as outstanding overall. The overall rating of the Trust had improved to ‘good’.

11. **CQC Improvement Action Plan** – The Board noted that actions arising from earlier CQC reports in respect of the 40 ‘must do’ recommendations had been completed or were in progress. All 68 ‘should do’ recommendations had been completed.

12. **Board Assurance Framework 2017/18** – the Board agreed the year end-assessment of the progress made in addressing the strategic risks facing the Trust.

13. **NHS Improvement Self-Certification Statements** – the Board agreed to certify compliance with the governance statements issued by NHS Improvement.

14. **Quarterly Freedom to Speak Up Report** – the Board noted a report on the new cases raised internally, the work of the Freedom to Speak Up Guardian and a compliance review of Freedom to Speak Up with the Trust.

15. **Questions from Governors** – Governors commented and asked questions in respect of communicating with staff on the outcome of the CQC inspection, the aspirations in the mental health strategy for the Trust and the very positive news that the Trust had been moved into Segment 1 of the Single Oversight Framework.

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