Board of Directors Meeting 28 November 2018

Meeting Summary

1. **Patient Story** – The Board heard the story of a carer and his experience of looking after his wife as she received care in both acute and community settings. It also included the benefit he felt from joining the bereavement group at the Yeatman Hospital.

2. **Presentations** – The Board received presentations on sexual health services in the Trust, equality and diversity and the quality improvement programme.

3. **Capital Investment Priorities** – The Board gave initial consideration to proposed priorities for mental health and community services capital investment. Further work will be undertaken on refining the priority order in advance of the capital programme being submitted to the Board in January 2019. The Board noted that the total capital requirement for the first order schemes was estimated at £65m and second order schemes amounted to a further £50m.

4. **Sustainable Development Management Plan** – The Board has reviewed the contents of the Trust Sustainable Development Management Plan and the outcome of a self-assessment using the national Sustainable Development Assessment Tool. The Board will give sustainable development further consideration during the revision of the Trust strategy in early 2019.

5. **Developing the Trust Strategy 2019/2022** – The Board has agreed an approach and timetable for the refresh of the Trust strategy. The new strategy will be published in the spring of 2019. In the interim, the Board has agreed revised strategic goals.

6. **Board Briefing** – The Board received a briefing on the Kings Fund publication ‘A Year of Integrated Care Systems’, the development of zero suicide plans, progress with the Nursing Associate role, the Mental Health Units (Use of Force) Act 2018, appointments to the new unitary councils in Dorset and news from the Council of Governors.

7. **Chief Executive’s Report** – The Chief Executive reported on the assessment being undertaken at County level on the implications for the local NHS of Brexit, progress in identifying services to move into Wareham Hospital, local engagement on the future of services in Portland, discussions with providers of primary care services and the mobilisation arrangements following the award of the urgent care tender.

8. **Integrated Corporate Dashboard** – The Board reviewed key indicators for October.

9. **Finance Report for October** – The Board noted that, at the end of October, the Trust surplus was £4.3m which was £0.3m adverse to budget and £0.2m favourable to the control total. The Trust was forecast to meet its control total for the year but action was required in respect of downside risks relating to current performance.

The Board noted that the £1.85m contingency previously being held on behalf of the system had been incorporated into the financial plan at month 6. This was to ensure access to the 2 for 1 financial incentive offered by NHS Improvement. This scheme made available £2 of incentive Provider Sustainability Funding for every £1 of plan improvement by the Trust. This had resulted in an improvement of £5.6m to the Trust
financial plan. The Use of Resources Rating within the Single Oversight Framework was 1, which was in accordance with the plan for the year.

10. Quarterly Themed Review of Better Every Day – The Board noted that the planned milestones for children’s and young persons services were on target.

11. Safer Staffing Review 2018 – The Board noted that, on the basis of the annual review, the Trust was providing safe staffing for patients in community hospital inpatient wards.

12. Board Assurance Framework (BAF) 2018/19 – The Board reviewed progress with managing the strategic risks facing the Trust. The Board also agreed to escalate a new risk to the BAF - failure to improve to at least a ‘good’ rating in respect of the Care Quality Commission safety domain.


14. Questions from Governors – Governors commented and asked questions in respect of the increasing reliance of statutory services on the third sector, the absence of beds for learning disability patients in the County and the scope of the workforce strategy and whether it related to staff or all those who worked for the Trust.

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