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Chairman's Report

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Governance Responsibility	Dr Maxwell Mclean, Chairman		
Purpose of the paper	This report provides an update to the Council of Governors on key items since the previous report provided in January 2022.		
Action required	To note		
Previously discussed at/informed by	N/A		
Previously approved at:	Committee/Group	Date	

1. Update from the Board of Directors meeting held 10 March 2022

The links to the Board meeting agenda and papers for the 10 March are available [here](#). Part 1 of the Board meeting recording is available [here](#) with part 2 available [here](#). From our 10 March Board meeting I would particularly like to bring the following to your attention:

Part 1 at 10.22	Patient Story. I hope that you have taken the opportunity to watch Barbara and David's story which was circulated in advance of our Board meeting. Importantly it provides insights into their journey at our hospitals during the peak of the Covid pandemic after David had suffered a stroke. We are pleased that David is recovering well and appreciate the in-depth feedback both David and Barbara provided about their experiences in the video. The video lasts approximately 10 minutes and the discussion at the Board in response to their story, which is also well worth viewing, lasts approximately 22 minutes.
Part 1 at 1:22:20	Outstanding Maternity Services (OMS) Programme: Outstanding Neo-natal Services Since our CQC report in 2019, the Board has been in receipt of highly detailed reports on progress regarding the provision of our maternity services and the moves we are making towards being 'outstanding'. Members of the Neonatal team joined the Board on 10 March to outline how they are developing their improvement journey within the framework of the OMS programme. This is important, particularly bearing in mind that we are the youngest city in Europe, there are approximately 6,000 babies born here every year, we have areas of significant deprivation and an ethnicity mix that can bring its own challenges. I recommend that you are sighted on the presentation delivered and the discussion held. This element of the Maternity Services Update lasts for approximately 36 minutes.
Part 2 at 44:35	2022/23 Financial & Operational Plan and Budget Setting Process. Planning has been delayed by the late publication of the requirements and guidance from NHSE/I and the requirement to suspend all non-essential activity to focus on responding to the Omicron variant throughout January. The other key point to note is that operational plans are now submitted as part of a wider ICS plan.

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Part 2 at 1:10:25	Corporate Strategy and Strategic Objectives I am pleased to advise that the Board approved in principle the Corporate Strategy. The Corporate Strategy will be published and launched at a date to be confirmed alongside an abridged, “easy read” version, a “plan on a page”, and a suite of “talking head” videos to make the strategy easier to understand and more accessible. I am very pleased that our Trust has worked with Bradford Talking Media to create the easy read version and filming is now underway to create the “talking head” videos which will also be signed using British Sign Language. The very fruitful and informative discussion lasts approximately 15 minutes.
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Our next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for 12 May 2022. The links to the recorded meeting will be circulated to Governors as soon as they are available.

2. Governor Elections - Update

Our governor elections process will launch on 7 March 2022 in line with the following schedule.

Nomination and election timetable	Date
Notice of Election / nomination open	Monday, 7 Mar 2022
Nominations deadline	Monday, 4 Apr 2022
Final date for candidate withdrawal	Thursday, 7 Apr 2022
Notice of Poll published	Wednesday, 27 Apr 2022
Voting packs despatched	Thursday, 28 Apr 2022
Close of election	Tuesday, 24 May 2022
Declaration of results	Wednesday, 25 May 2022

Following the close on nominations the statement of nominated candidates is available [here](#). We will be holding elections in our Bradford East constituency and our Staff Governor constituency for a Governor to represent our Medical and Dental group.

We have two new governors who are ‘elected uncontested’ to the public membership constituency of Keighley and for our Staff Governor constituency to represent our Nursing and Midwifery group. The uncontested report is available online [here](#).

Following the close of the election process on 25 May, the following four vacancies will remain on our Council of Governors.

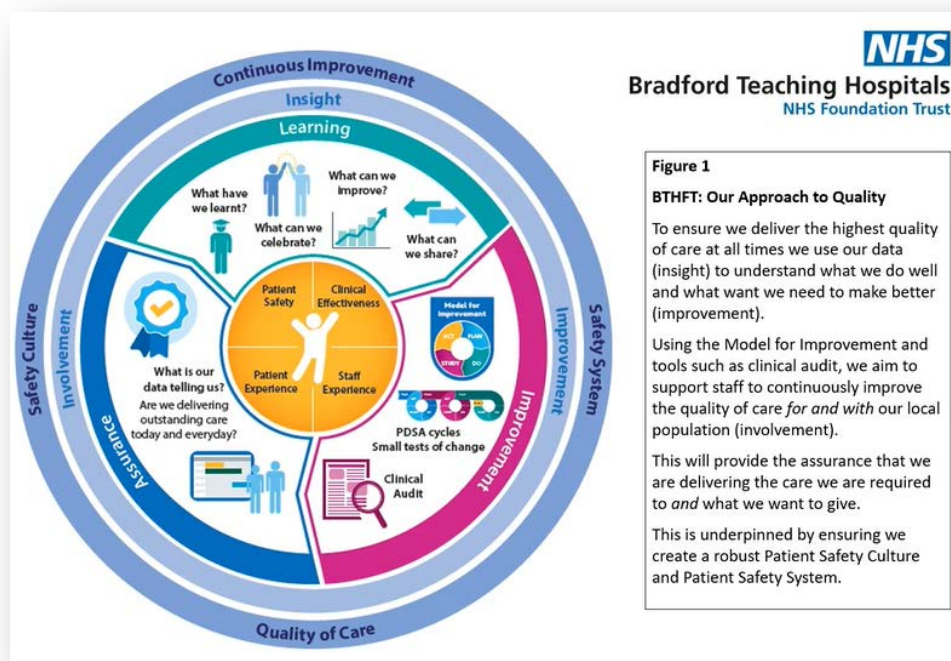
- Bradford South (1)
- Keighley (1)
- Rest of England and Wales (1)
- Patient (1)

Our next elections process is scheduled to launch in September 2022 and the remaining vacancies will be included as part of our September launch.

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3. Quality Account Improvement Priorities

My thanks to LeeAnne Elliot, Deputy Chief Medical Officer Quality, Judith Connor, Associate Director of Quality and Liz Tomlin, Head of Quality Improvement and Clinical Outcomes for the comprehensive session delivered to Governors on 5 April 2022.



Our agenda broadly covered:

- Quality Team structure, Governance/Assurance/Regulation
- Approach to Quality Improvement
- The Trust's Quality improvement priorities

The recording from the session has been circulated to all Governors who were also provided with the opportunity to share their views via the Menti voting website on the selection of the Quality improvement priorities for 2022/23 onwards. The Corporate Governance team will be working with the Quality Team to seek other engagement opportunities for Governors to regularly meet with the Quality Team through the year about this important area of work.

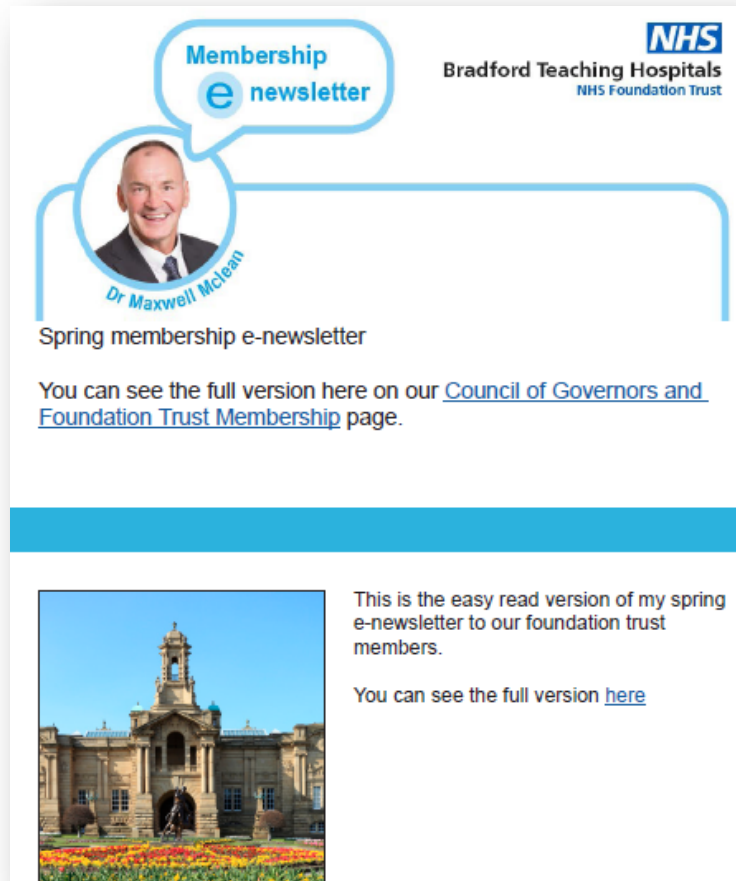
4. Operational Planning Session

My thanks also to Matthew Horner, Director of Finance and Saj Azeb, Chief Operating Officer for delivering the session to Governors on Operational Planning on 11 April 2022, which covered both the Trust plans for our performance activity and our financial position. The session was recorded, and a link has been circulated via email to all Governors to provide those not in attendance with the opportunity to view and comment. The Operational Plan 2022/23 was discussed and signed off by the Board on 14 April 2022 and will now become part of the Operational Plan for our Place based partnership which will be submitted to NHSE/I.

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5. Members e-newsletter Spring 2022

My [spring e-newsletter](#) to members was circulated in March 2022 and includes a special report from Director of Research, Professor John Wright and his team on the activities underway at the Bradford Institute of Health Research. The newsletter also includes links to our previous Board and Council of Governors meetings and, lots of news highlights from the rest of our Hospitals. The easy read version is available [here](#).



6. Chair's Spring Bulletin for Governors 2022

My latest Chair's Spring Bulletin was circulated to Governors in March. This bulletin also included the very insightful report from Professor John Wright and his team.

7. Key Trust Communications

Governors continue to be in receipt of the daily updates regarding the Trust's Covid-19 position. Other key communications continue to be shared with Governors so that Council members remain in touch with developments at our Trust. As a reminder, Governors continue to have access to Let's Talk (staff newsletter), the daily Covid-19 global emails to staff and can access the Chief Executive's weekly vlogs with news from across our Trust.

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8. Governor Focus Conference 2022



This year the Governor Focus Conference is taking place online on 5, 6 and 7 July 2022. NHS providers have advised that *“the conference will focus on good governance from the scale of individual trusts, through partnership working of all shapes and sizes and up to system scale.* We have had very good feedback in the past from our Governors who have attended the conference and I would recommend that we have a presence there on each of the three days. Those Governors interested do please contact sheridan.osbourne@bthft.nhs.uk in the first instance.

9. My quarterly meeting with Governors

My last quarterly meeting with Governors took place on 12 April 2022 and my next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5 July 2022. Any issues arising from the session have been shared with the relevant Directors and feedback will be provided at Council meeting.

10. Joint Session: Governors and Non-Executive Directors

Our next joint session is scheduled for Thursday 21 July 2022 from 2.15pm to 3.15pm (prior to the Council of Governors meeting). The outcomes from this session will be reported later that afternoon at the Council meeting.

Recommendation

The Council of Governors is asked to note this report.