

Board of Directors Chair's Highlight Report to Council of Governors

Subject:	Board of Directors	Date: 21 st February 2023
Prepared By:	Claire Ward, Chair	
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Purpose		
	Assurance	X

Matters of Concern	Major Actions Commissioned / Work Underway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial challenges across the system and the ability to achieve the Financial Strategy 	<p>Board discussed the number of principal risks, on the Board Assurance Framework which are in excess of the agreed tolerable level and asked committees to continue to scrutinise the scores for the principal risk's allocation to them.</p> <p>The planning guidance for 2023/24 has been received and an update of the process was received, the Board noted SFH plans would feed into the Integrated Care System plans and the deadline for submission of a draft plans was required by 23rd February with final agreed plans by 30th March 2023.</p>
Positive Assurances to Provide	Decisions Made
<p>Board received an update with regard to partnership working within the Integrated Care System.</p> <p>Board received an update on progress at quarter 3 against the 2022-23 strategic priorities.</p> <p>The maternity Safety Champions update, and Maternity Perinatal Quality Surveillance Model were presented to Board for assurance.</p> <p>Board received assurance regarding the Freedom to Speak up process and concerns raised through the process.</p>	<p>Approval of the Board Assurance Framework (BAF).</p> <p>Recommendation eight on the External Well-led Report was considered and agreed this was completed, however an update was requested in six months' time to ensure embedded.</p>

The integrated performance report (SOF) was received and discussed; positive assurance was received.

An update against the recommendations in the External Well-led Report was received and it was noted 2 actions remain on-going.

Comments on Effectiveness of the Meeting

The quality of the papers ensured focussed high impact discussions