

Chairman's Note

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Dear Board Member,

Key considerations

Since we last met the key things on my mind have been:

- As a Board how do we assure ourselves that the quality and safety of our services to our local communities are maintained consistently with continuing financial constraints?
- As a Board how should we assess our own effectiveness ?

Priority Items & Questions

The Board is increasingly aware of the challenges posed by the assumptions about likely demands on our services against a background context of resource pressures. At our Board and Committee meetings we consider the operational, performance and financial canvas against which we seek to ensure the sustainability of high quality services. We will continue to reassure our staff, external partners, patients and local communities that we have this clear vision and focus. Our revised (and simplified) strategy diagram underlines this and Annual Quality Statements are but two examples of this.

As a Board we need to periodically consider and assess our own effectiveness. This does not just mean focusing on our formal Board / Committee structures and governance processes but also how we identify pertinent issues and the quality of our decision making against a background canvas of incomplete information, ambiguity and complexity. With this in mind the next two Board Thinking Days in June and July will be facilitated sessions organised by NHS Providers.

Finally I would like to remind Board colleagues that we are still required to observe purdah during the period leading up to the General Election on 8th June 2017.

I look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming Board meeting on 1st June 2017.

Regards,
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