

Chair's Board Report

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Interviews for the CEO are being held on 30th June. We have had a strong field and I am hopeful we will be able to make an excellent appointment. I expect we will be able to make an announcement in early July.

The Design Framework for Integrated Care Systems (ICS) has been published. The Framework sets out the next steps for the development of Integrated Care Systems, subject to Parliamentary approval in 2021 and sets out ambitions for how NHS England will expect leaders and organisations to operate with their partners in ICSs from April 2022. The core purpose of an ICS being to:

- **improve outcomes** in population health and healthcare
- **tackle inequalities** in outcomes, experience and access
- **enhance productivity** and value for money
- help the NHS support broader **social and economic development**.

We will be working closely with partners across the health and care system, local authorities and other organisations to achieve these ambitions.

I would like to thank staff and volunteers for the amazing efforts that continue to be made to be made to ensure that people receive timely care and to restore and recover services which had to be reduced as we respond to Covid. I also recognise the pressure of the increase in the number of people seeking urgent and emergency care and the recent increase in the number of admissions for people with Covid. It is really important that we continue to support you as much as possible and also for us to support each other. I know that Board members are keen to hear whether there is anything else we can do to support you.

Finally, you will from this month begin to see a change in the agenda and the way the Board operates. This is to continue to build the effectiveness of the Board and to ensure that anyone who attends Board meetings, be they staff or members of the public, or reads the papers can be fully informed about what is happening at UHL and in the work we are doing with partners. I have been talking to other Board members about how we can engage with the public and communities to ensure we listen and shape the way we provide services to meet the needs of all members of the community. Over the next few months we will be discussing with people how we best do this.

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Interim Chair