

Chair's Report

Purpose

1. This report sets out public activities carried out by the Chair since the last Board meeting, and comments on aspects of the local health and care system.

Key issues

2. Appendix 1 lists the Chair's external meetings from 1 January to 28 Feb 2021. Covid-19 emergency local response meetings continue during the current lock-down. Philippa Brice, plus several of our volunteers participated with me in a system partners bid for external funds to accelerate and equalise the impacts of adoption of innovations in healthcare.
3. Directors representative activities are noted in a strategic engagement log. Thank you to directors and team members for the continued success of the Healthwatch Forums, and for maintaining links with organisations and working groups.
4. Jonathan Wells has been active in the system partnership's All Age Mental Health Delivery Board, summarising and promoting service user and carer experience using intelligence from all key groups supporting user voice. The impacts of the pandemic on mental health are being widely reported. That there were gaps in local services pre-Covid is an unwelcome backdrop for increased need, not yet translating in demands across all services - some people being less confident of what they can expect now. On the plus side considerable investment in mental health services is coming in 2021/22.
5. From April we plan to reintroduce a regular stand-alone board item highlighting people's experience and emerging themes on particular topics of the moment, including on mental health with our service user and carer voice partners.

Action required by the Board

6. The Board is asked to:
 - Note the report.

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Appendix 1 - External meetings attended by the Chair 1st Jan to 28th Feb 2021

Meeting	Purpose	Date
C&PCCG Clinical cell - emergency response	Representative from STP Ethical Committee	4/1
Joint Prescribing Group for C&PCCG	Lay member	7/1
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Outbreak Engagement Group	Member	12/1
Adopting Innovation - partnership bid preparation to Health Foundation	Bid partner	15/1
HUC (previously Herts Urgent Care) staff awards	Judge	18/1
Dr Vaz Ahmed, and Sandie Smith: Urgent & emergency care national standards	Briefing meeting	20/1
Adopting Innovation - partnership bid preparation to Health Foundation	Bid partner	22/1
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Dr Mike More, STP Chair	One to one	1/2
System Partnership Board	Member	2/2
Greater Cambridge Healthwatch health and care forum	Participant	3/2
Patient and public involvement Advisory Group for Adopting Innovation - partnership bid preparation to Health Foundation	Chair	4/2
Joint Prescribing Group for C&PCCG	Lay member	4/2
Adopting Innovation - partnership bid preparation to Health Foundation	Bid partner	5/2
NWAFB Board meeting online	Observer	9/2
STP Ethics Committee meeting	Vice Chair	10/2
East of England Healthwatch network	Member	11/2
Dr Mike More, Dr Julian Huppert - public involvement in new system partnerships	Meeting	11/2
Adopting Innovation - partnership bid preparation to Health Foundation	Bid partner	12/2
Richard Miller-Holliday, Sandie Smith - System governance for quality and safety	Meeting	19/2
Peterborough Summit - Covid-19 response	Participant	23/2
Adopting Innovation - partnership bid preparation to Health Foundation	Bid partner	26/2

Plus

Healthwatch Board in public (13/1) and Development meeting (10/2)

Management team meetings x 2, Transition Board x 2

Induction meetings x 3