

Chair's Report to the Board

1. I am pleased to report to the Board on the following matters that I have been engaged in since our last meeting on 26 March.
2. The bulk of my activity over this period has been in relation to:
 - a. Our developing relationship with NHS Improvement. We meet today both as the Board of NHS England and then later in the day in a joint meeting with the Board of NHS Improvement to consider a set of proposals to give effect to our joint intent to bring the two organisations as closely together in strategic and operational terms as is permitted under the legislation governing our activities. This is a major step forward that has involved a huge amount of work by our respective teams, and the Boards will be invited today to approve the general scheme of the new approach, for further detailed development over the coming months;
 - b. Maintaining close relations with the Department of Health and Social Care;
 - c. Regular meetings and discussions on the 100k genomes programme with Genomics England Ltd, both informally and through chairing our fortnightly programme boards, including work on the development of our NHS Genomic Medicine Service; and
 - d. Board development issues.
3. Other meetings, discussions and visits have included the following:
 - a. 5 April – to accompany Baroness Dido Harding, Dame Moira Gibb and David Roberts on a visit to Newcastle, leading a joint meeting with Chairs of the region's CCGs and the region's acute trusts; then a visit to Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, led by the incoming Chairman Sir John Burn, with meetings with staff and clinical leads in different divisions;
 - b. 10 April – to Sheffield to launch the construction of a new Centre for Advanced Wellbeing at Sheffield Hallam University, followed by a visit to the education, training and health research facilities at the University for nurses and allied health professionals and meetings with students and senior staff;
 - c. 12 April – to chair a meeting of the Healthy New Towns publication steering group;
 - d. 12 April – meeting of the Genomics England Board;
 - e. 23 April – to participate in a “digital powered” dinner discussion hosted by NESTA;
 - f. 24 April – meeting with the Chair of NHS Providers;
 - g. 25 April – to accompany Simon Stevens on a Board dinner discussion hosted by NHS Improvement;
 - h. 1 May – to visit, at their invitation, the Ronald MacDonald hostel at Guy's and St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust, a special facility for families of children receiving treatment at the Evelina Hospital;

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- i. 3 May – to visit the Christie Hospital in Manchester along with Baroness Dido Harding;
- j. 3 May – to launch the Knowledge Capital exhibition at the New London Architecture Centre, celebrating the unique concentration in London of higher education, medical training, hospital and clinical and basic biomedical research facilities;
- k. 8 May – to participate in a panel as part of the UCL conference on Populations and Lifelong Health;
- l. 9 May – to attend the Commemoration Address at King's College London delivered by the Chief Medical Officer, Dame Sally Davies, on the theme of antimicrobial resistance;
- m. 10 May – to visit the Maggie's Centre at Barts Hospital and meet with staff and users;
- n. 10 May – to participate in the digital exclusion event at the House of Commons led by Lord Victor Adebowale and Noel Gordon;
- o. 14 May – to visit, at my request, the Babylon company developing the GP At Hand service currently being rolled out in London;
- p. 16 May – meeting with the leadership team of Great Ormond Street Hospital;
- q. 16 May – meeting with Lord Filkin and Dr Anna Dixon from the Centre for Ageing Better;
- r. 16 May – to participate in a dinner discussion at Lazard's and hosted by Lord Prior, former Minister of Health and current chair of UCL NHS Hospital NHS Foundation Trust; and
- s. 22 May – to chair a meeting of property developers and housing associations engaged on the NHS Healthy New Towns programme.

Malcolm Grant
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