

## Chair's Report to the Board

1. I am pleased to offer a brief report to the Board summarising some of my activities over the period since the last public meeting on 24 May 2018.
2. It has been a busy period, and I limit this report to focus on just a few aspects of activity:
  - a. Future funding for the NHS: the Prime Minister announced on 18 June a 5-year settlement for NHS England, the details of which will be outlined in today's meeting, coupled with an invitation to develop a 10-year plan for the future of the NHS. Engagement in this process will form a major part of the Board's business over the rest of the year.
  - b. Developing plans for closer working with NHS Improvement, including working on appropriate governance models for the new system. Following our joint meeting with the Board of NHSI in May, progress is continuing to be made in developing structures that allow the two organisations to work closely together both nationally and regionally, in pursuit of greater integration of the provision of healthcare around populations and patients rather than institutions, yet preserving to each Board the necessary autonomy and accountability for discharging their separate statutory responsibilities. It is not a merger, but it is a significant and challenging project of change. Non-executive members of both Boards have been working closely together in developing initial thinking around approaches to governance that would meet these criteria.
  - c. The design of the new phase of roll-out of a genomic medicine service in the NHS in England, following the successful conclusion of the 100,000 Genomes Programme. We have been undertaking a procurement process to establish seven genomic laboratory hubs, building on the 13 Genomic Medicine Centres that we set up under the 100k Genomes programme, with a view to transforming the highly fragmented pattern of genetic testing in the NHS into a national network of regional provision, with standardisation of testing through the roll-out of a National Genomic Test Directory. Genomics England Ltd, a wholly Government-owned company, is our partner in procuring sequencing and analytics.
3. Board membership
  - a. The Board will wish to note the resignation of Paul Baumann as Chief Finance Officer, with effect from 31 October, when he will take up his new appointment as Receiver-General (in effect, the chief executive

officer) of Westminster Abbey. His enormous contribution to the financial and wider welfare of NHS England will be very much missed. Processes are underway for the recruitment of his successor.

- b. Sir John Burn attended his last Board meeting on 24 May but continued as an active non-executive member up to the end of his tenure on 30 June. Recruitment of his successor has been delayed, but is currently being undertaken by the Department of Health and Social Care with the expectation that an appointment may be made by the autumn.
  - c. Chair: the Government have initiated the search for my successor and the process is well under way. It is expected that the preferred candidate will participate in a pre-confirmatory hearing by the House of Commons Health and Social Care Select Committee prior to final appointment.
4. Everyone counts awards: at a ceremony yesterday the Chief Executive and I had the privilege on behalf of the Board of conferring awards on the following members of NHSE staff, nominated by their peers and selected through a rigorous process, in recognition of their outstanding service:
- Lisa Cooper – Deputy Director of Quality and Safeguarding – North Region [in absentia]
  - Hilary Grant – Commissioning Manager – North Region [in absentia]
  - Monica Sharma – Screening and Immunisation Business Support Officer – Midlands and East Region
  - Kate Buckley-Coole – Business Unit Reconfiguration Manager and Co-Chair NHS England LGBT+ Staff Network – Operations and Information Directorate
  - Tariq White – Interim Associate Director for Clinical Networks and Senates NHS England South (South West)
  - Baker Mugerwa – Business/PMO coordinator – Nursing Directorate
  - Sue North MBE – Children and Young People's lead – Transforming Care – Nursing Directorate
  - Sameerah Patel – Project Administrator – Transformation and Corporate Operations Directorate

In addition, Team Awards went to the following:

- Customer Contact Centre – collected by Kerry Martin, Jen Miller and Megan Bale – Transformation and Corporate Operations Directorate
  - New Care Models Evaluation Team – collected by Holly Krelle, Matt Sharp, Joveen Bhandol and Matthew Dearing – Operations and Information Directorate.
5. Some of the external activities I have been involved in since the last report:

- a. Guest speaker and conferment of awards at the Bengal's Pride Awards ceremony, House of Commons, 6 June
- b. Round table discussion on emerging imaging technologies in healthcare, University of Cambridge, 7 June
- c. Volunteering with HelpForce at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, 13 June. Helpforce is a Community Interest Company founded by Sir Thomas Hughes-Hallett, chair of the Chelsea and Westminster NHS FT, with the aim of promoting well managed volunteer teams that can substantially improve patient care in hospitals.
- d. Discussion, together with HealthCare UK, with a delegation of ministers from China's National Development and Reform Commission to discuss potential co-operation and collaboration in healthcare, 15 June
- e. Chiring and participating in sessions on healthcare and the future of work, York Festival of Ideas, 16 June
- f. Participation in a roundtable session organised by the Mount Sinai Health System on healthcare and medical innovation, 18 June
- g. Speaker at the Academy of Medical Sciences Innovation Forum, 18 June
- h. Dinner discussion, chairs of NHS arms length bodies, 18 June
- i. Speaker at Chief Allied Health Professions Awards Ceremony, Royal College of Physicians, 19 June
- j. Member, National Genomics Board, DHSC, 27 June
- k. Panellist at event and demonstration hosted by Babylon on artificial intelligence in diagnosis, Royal College of Physicians, 27 June
- l. Chiring a meeting and discussion session of the Healthy New Towns Steering Group, 28 June
- m. Genomics futures dinner discussion, with Prof John Mattick, new CEO of Genomics England, 2 July

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