

**To:** The Board

**For meeting on:** 27 September 2018

**Agenda item:** 4

**Report by:** Dido Harding, Chair

**Report on:** Chair's report

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### **Getting out and about in the NHS**

Over the summer, in addition to more formal visits, I spent a day and a night shadowing professionals in their roles. I spent a day with one of our clinical fellows as he worked a locum shift in Maidstone Hospital's acute medical unit, and a night with two paramedics out in an ambulance with the London Ambulance Service. It was a fantastic way to see up close the outstanding work our people do across the NHS and I would like to thank Amir, Chris and Pete for their openness and tremendous patience as they showed me what they do so well.

I have also visited Hillingdon Hospital, and Leeds Hospital to meet the Yorkshire NHS Trust chairs. Malcolm Grant and I have visited Grantham and Pilgrim Hospitals together to meet leaders from across the Lincolnshire health economy. I have spoken at a variety of events including Expo and met with a variety of chairs and CEOs at various informal events.

I would particularly like to thank the Clinical Fellows who have now finished their year with NHS Improvement and other national bodies for their open and honest feedback and for the contribution over the last twelve months, and welcome our new cohort of Clinical Fellows who have just arrived.

### **New Board Members and Updated Committee membership**

I would like to welcome Tim, Wol, Laura and Andrew to their first full Board meeting. At the Board meeting in common with NHS England we will be discussing our proposed future committees in common and with that in mind and our new Board members in place, I have taken the opportunity to review our own NHS Improvement Board committee membership. I would like to thank Glynis Breakwell very much for her chairing of our Nominations and Remuneration Committee and for agreeing to continue as a committee member going forward. Andrew Morris and Laura Wade-Gery will be taking on the roles of Chair of Nominations and Remuneration Committee and Chair of Provider Leadership Committee respectively. Thank you to

everyone on the board for taking on a variety of new and existing roles. A full list of our updated committee membership is attached as Annex A.

## **Volunteering**

As I said in my last Board report, I am keen to encourage and make it much easier for everyone in NHS Improvement to volunteer at the front line of the NHS. The joint project team set up with NHS England is making good progress towards this goal and we expect to be piloting our approach toward the end of October. Personally, I am also looking forward to working a shift as a bleep volunteer at Chelsea and Westminster at the end of October.

# Annex A: Board committees

