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To: All Trust Board Members

Dear colleagues

Chair's report

I would like to inform you of the following main points, since the last board meeting.

- 1. Volunteers:** I chaired the Volunteering Committee last month. We agreed that raising the number from the present 535 should help the Trust and the community, subject to keeping within quality norms and not duplicating roles. Your support in valuing volunteers even more and raising numbers and their contribution is welcome.
- 2. Community services:** In one of my community services visits, issues related to human resources were raised with me. I am sure Mrs Weir and her team will deal with these quickly. This just reminded me of how important it is that we continue to find ways of keeping involved with all parts of this broad and large Trust and its services.
- 3. Community perceptions:** I received a letter from Colin McGrath, MLA, and was able to satisfy him that the information he had received about cut in a service was not accurate. Mr McGoran and I will meet him soon but we are as good as the last person in the community thinks we are.
- 4. Among my other main engagements were the following visits/meetings and I remain grateful to all staff who continue to contribute to me:**
 - Staff groups: Adoption and care, Enhanced Care at Home
 - Community services: Newcastle, Castlewellan, Ballynahinch
 - Patient visits: district nursing, Enhanced Care at Home
 - Safety, Quality, Experience programme awards
 - Understanding dementia evening with Ulster University
 - Royal College of Nursing Nurse of Year Awards

- NI Ambulance Service control room
- Health and Social Care chairs: Western Trust, NI Ambulance Service
- NI Confederation Director, Heather Moorhead
- Interim hospital director interviews with Alastair Campbell, Director reform, Department
- NHS Providers Non-executive Directors Network
- Public sector Chairs' forum with Noel Brady
- 38th Brigade reception.

I would welcome comments or questions.

Thank you.

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17/6/19