



Purpose of Paper: <u>Chairman's Accountability Report</u>		
		For Noting

Period: 21 March to 22 May 2026

This report includes time off at Easter and 2 weeks annual leave in May.

My tenure as Chair of NICON terminated on 31 March, therefore future reports will not include a NICON section. Any NICON events or meetings attended in future will be as representing the Trust, not an office bearer, and listed in the Trust Engagement section.

As our first Board meeting of a new financial year, it seems an opportune time to reset and refresh what we do and how we do it on behalf of the public. It feels like each year, as a health and social care system, we build in more, policies, practices, reporting and adherence to new directives.

More is expected of executive colleagues and the new appraisal processes being introduced will expect the Executive Management Team to meet pre-agreed targets and goals. Demands on the time Non-Executive Directors increases with no additional time permitted.

In turn the role of the Remuneration Committee will be extended and more decision making required.

The Board Secretary and myself will take the opportunity to visit some other Trust Boards to look for best practice to adopt into SET around the work of the Board.

Members will have by now seen the Report I commissioned to look at equity of access and engagement for the public at our Trust Board meetings. We will consistently seek to address the recommendations, (costs permitting) to improve and enhance the experience for both members and the audience during the year.

Over the next number of months all our Board related documents will be reviewed to ensure we are operating as effectively and efficiently as we can in line with our founding legislation and subsequent DoH directives.

Trust Engagements:

- Visit QUB Medical Biology Centre Innovation and Simulation Suite
- Deliver Board Induction session to newly appointed Director
- Meet with Belfast Trust Chair
- Participate in SPPG/Trust SIF meeting
- Meeting with newly appointed Assistant Directors to inform on work of the Board x 2

- Host visit to UHD by Matthew Patrick MP Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for NI
- Attend IHI Award celebration HMP Maghaberry
- Represent the Trust at the funeral of Margaret Murdoch
- Meet with Chair RQIA
- Engagement with newly appointed Chair BSO
- Attend speech recognition software meeting

Associated Engagements:

- Participate in working dinner Leadership & Governance Conference
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- Attend engagement event 210MMR
- Meetings on behalf of another HSC Organisation x 2
- Attend Health Innovation Network
- Participate in working dinner Health Tech Spring Conference
- Attend Health Tech Spring Conference
- Represent Trust at Private Healthcare Excellence Awards

NICON Engagements:

- Attend NHS Confederation Board London
- Meet and provide induction brief to incoming NICON Vice Chair
- Participate in NHS Confederation briefing call

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