South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Paper No: SET/131/26
Trust Board Meeting: 30 September 2026
Public Agenda Item 1.5

Title of Paper: **Chair's Report – 20 June to 25 September 2026**			
~~**For Decision**~~	~~**For Assurance**~~	**For Information**	~~**For Discussion**~~

1.0	**Preliminary Issues:**
	There has been significant regional work in the HSC ahead of the release of recent Public Inquiry reports focusing on patient safety, quality of care and the culture in our healthcare organisations. SET Board meetings will raise patient safety and our people to the beginning of agendas to demonstrate they are the core priorities for the Board. Members will notice a new format for this report which aligns with the public board meeting agenda which in turn aligns to the Trusts Strategic Priorities included in our Corporate Plan 2025-2028. The work of the Trust and the priorities of the Office of the Chair should fall out from those high level aims and our performance needs measured against those agreed strategies. The role of the Chair has the additional responsibility to represent the Trust externally with the public and stakeholders, hence the inclusion of that section. There has been a 3-month timeframe since our last board meeting as we realign our meeting schedule for the remainer of 2026-2027. That has made for a longer than normal agenda but many of the items are for information, beneficial for carrying out your role, but not needing to be discussed. Future Board Meeting Agendas and Briefing Papers will also have helpful descriptors included to aid public understanding of how we conduct business.
2.0	**Patients:** Population Health and Health Inequalities Delivering Care Closer to Home Hospital Care
	Host Health & Finance Ministers at Downe Hospital Meeting with Chief Executive Independent Healthcare Providers Participate in Committee in Common Meeting x2 Participate Ministerial HSC Summit on Public Inquiries Meeting with Minister Meet with Chairs of Belfast Trust and PHA Attend RQIA Patient Safety event Visit to UHD ED with Chair Patient Safety & Quality Committee Attend launch of Families Together programme

3.0	**People:** Our People
	Speak at Multi Cultural Forum meeting Meet with Chief Executive to discuss new performance appraisal framework Attend recognition event for Unaccompanied Children Team @ Trust HQ Carry out Non-Executive Annual Appraisals x 7 Celebrate with LVH Ex Patients Guild Volunteers 60th Anniversary Meeting with Board Secretary x 4 Meet with staff re development of Code of Conduct document Conversation with Jackie Stewart after winning gold medal @ Special Olympics Conversation with Claire McCauley after award of British Empire Medal Attend Sept Keeping Everyone in the Loop Participate in Trust Diversity Celebration Day Meet with staff re Board Accessibility Report Meeting Children's Services staff Bangor Hospital Shortlisting meeting for Board Director position
4.0	**Performance:** Safety, Quality and Experience of Care
	Attend Finance & Performance Committee Chair June Trust Board meeting Attend SPPG Support & Intervention Framework Meeting x 3 Meet with Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive re financial update Year End Accountability Meeting with Chief Executive & Dept of Health Meeting with Chair of RQIA x 2 Participate Monthly Trust Chairs Meeting x 3 Meeting with Minister & Trust Chairs Meeting with Trust Chairs & Chief Executives Participate in Committee in Common meeting Participate in HSC Chairs Mentoring Session with Rob Webster
5.0	**Promoting External Engagement:** Promote collaborative working within and outside the Trust
	Meet online with NHS advisor on income generation Participate on Permanent Secretary's Academic Health Economic Partnership Board Participate at NICON 2027 Election Briefing construction meeting Represent Trust at Tom Frawley funeral Meet 'This is our Health' staff at Maritime Festival Londonderry Meet St John Ambulance personnel at First Aid Control Maritime Festival Represent Trust at Lord Lieutenant Reception for Royal Navy Meeting with BT on innovation opportunities Meeting with Vice Chair Western Trust Meeting with Little Forget Me Not Trust founder Meeting with AstraZeneca CEO and Permanent Secretary & GP representatives Represent the Trust at Emergency Services Day Meeting with Regional Clinical Director Elective Care Represent Trust at Institute of Directors Annual Dinner Attend Public Sector Chairs Forum committee meeting Attend Public Sector Chairs Forum Briefing with Head of Civil Service Speak at Christine Collins – RQIA Chair leaving event Participate in Digital Leaders event on AI sovereignty

Accountable Person:	**Jonathan Patton, Chair of Trust Board**
Date:	**24 September 2026**

Reasons for Paper Presentation

Decision	*Used when an item requires a formal agreement or endorsement by the meeting / committee members. Examples are approving minutes, budgets, proposals or policies. The author must ensure there is sufficient detail/data for the board member to make a decision. The board member must be content there is sufficient detail/data to make a decision otherwise it should not be approved.*
Assurance	*Used when an item can be measured against a certain criteria / standard. Examples are a project is on course with delivery or financial targets are being met. The author must ensure there is sufficient detail/data for the board member to be assured. The board member must be content there is sufficient detail/data or a plan to be assured otherwise they should state they are not assured.*
Discussion	*Used when an item is listed primarily for open discussion, brainstorming or gathering input from the members without requiring an immediate decision.*
Information	*Used when an item is presented for the purpose of updating or informing the attendees without requiring a decision or action, such as reports, updates, or announcements.*