South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Paper No: SET/144/26
Trust Board Meeting: 30 September 2026
Public Agenda Item 3.1.2

Title of Paper: **Designated Non-Executive Director Report: Being Open**			
~~**For Decision**~~	**For Assurance**	~~**For Information**~~	~~**For Discussion**~~

1.0	**Period:**
	24 June 2026 to 30 September 2026
2.0	**Engagements:**
	As noted elsewhere on today's agenda (Item 4.1), there was a HSC Quality & Safety Summit held on Tuesday 30 June 2026. A full written update on the Summit is outlined in the briefing paper to that agenda item. It was clear from the then Minister's speech to attendees that he considered full implementation of the Framework to be crucial in strengthening a culture of openness across HSCNI. I was pleased the Being Open Framework was showcased as a key element of the Summit's agenda alongside the Being Human Framework, incoming Duty of Candour legislation, MCHP implementation and the establishment of new Patient Safety & Quality Committees in each HSC Trust.
3.0	**Concerns Raised:**
	Nil
4.0	**Escalation to Board:**
	Nil
5.0	**Assurance:**
	Have you fulfilled the designated role assigned to you during this period? Yes Are you able to assure the Board that your engagement has benefitted patient safety and contributed to improvement? Yes

Accountable Board Member:	**Mr Kieran Donaghy, Non-Executive Director**
Date:	**29 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.*