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Agenda Item: Chair's Report

Colleagues,

Once again I joined some of our volunteers alongside our Volunteer Coordinator at one of our regular online tea parties keeping connections alive and supporting them as they await the call to 'return to duties'. Many have been engaged throughout the past 18 months in specific areas with some really heart-warming stories to tell. The others remain incredibly positive and cannot wait to get back to SET.

I chaired a Consultant recruitment panel during the month adding what I believe to be another excellent person into the SET team.

I undertook a Non-Executive training course run by the HSC Leadership Centre which was developed in light of recent reports aimed to improve the skills and knowledge of Non-Executive performance. The course whilst having some positive content may not be what experienced Non-Executive Directors need to take them to the next level. That said if any Non-Executive Director would like to avail of it we can make those details available.

Members will be aware that in the last few days the Northern Ireland Executive put on hold any changes to the relaxation of conditions around Covid-19. That was due in no small way to a carefully choreographed sequence of meetings and conversations involving Trust Chief Executives and Chairs communicating directly and in person with the Minister. Clear messages on how precarious a situation we are in was conveyed and heard and positive action is already being evidenced in the 'asks' made of the Minister and his Department Officials. I record my thanks to my Chief Executive for the extensive briefings and to the Minister and his team for the swift positive actions in order to assist and support staff at this time.

We are in unprecedented times and I again record my thanks and appreciation to our staff and my Executive colleagues at South Eastern Trust for their unparalleled work and commitment despite their weariness and extensive exposure to unrelenting work pressures.

This month also included a week of very welcomed annual leave.

I would wish to draw member's attention to the upcoming online NICON 21 Conference and some of the topics and speakers: Entitled, 'Delivering Health & Care – The Next Five Years', the Health Minister, Permanent Secretary, The Chief Nursing Officer, The Chair of the Stormont Health Committee, Chief Social Work Officer, Matthew Taylor the Chief Executive of NHS Confederation, Sir Norman Lamb Chair NHS Foundation Hospitals in

London, Sir Michael Marmot Director UCL Institute of Health equity are contributing with some others namely, Dr David Robinson and Ms Roisin Coulter. Details should be with you all by now and I believe there will be some very important conversation for us to tune into.

The Conference dates are 6th and 7th October 2021.

Jonathan



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