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Agenda Item: Chair's Report

Colleagues,

In addition to my committee attendances and routine workload, I welcomed the Minister of Health Mr Robin Swann MLA to the Ulster Hospital site for the launch of LIMS – Laboratory Information Management System, the official opening of the Macmillan Cancer Centre and the official opening of the Acute Services Block. I would want to recognise that whilst these incredible amenities are opening during my tenure, hundreds of our staff have worked on these projects for more than a decade in order to deliver high class healthcare facilities for our community. They deserve to be proud of what they have achieved.

I had the privilege of being invited to speak at the launch of the Celebration of Nursing Report at Trust Headquarters, the launch of the Wellness Recovery Network in Lisburn and the Staff Service of Remembrance again held at Trust Headquarters. It is worthy of note that on the night we remembered and read out the names of 37 of our staff who had sadly passed away since our last Service in 2019. This night is a further measure of who we are at SET in that we laugh together and we mourn together as we journey through work and life together.

The Chief Executive and I attended the launch of our Quality Strategy at SET – entitled, "Quality 4 All". Alongside our People Plan these two strategies endorsed by the Board will shape SET for the next 5 years.

SET volunteer representatives and I attended at a tree planting ceremony with the Mayor of Lisburn City Castlereagh Council Alderman Stephen Martin, in Moat Park Dundonald. The trees marked the Centenary of the Foundation of Northern Ireland and the Council wanted to recognise the contribution of the nearby Hospital to its citizens and acknowledge that many staff use the park to walk and take some time out from their busy daily routine.

I attended several sessions of the NICON Conference over two days and a further meeting hosted by NICON Chief Executive Matthew Taylor where Chairs and Chief Executives had the opportunity to meet online and discuss current issues facing the system regionally. I also joined Chair colleagues in our 6-weekly meeting with the Minister to relay issues from the Trust's perspective. I personally raised the motivation and recognition of staff and how it would be helpful if both he and his Department could turn words into actions and demonstrate support for our weary and fatigued staff at this time.

I met with our Board Apprentice Ms Jude English and together with the Board Secretary we continue to develop the programme with Jude to ensure her experience with the SET Board is an informative and rewarding one.

This period also necessitated all of the Non-Executive Directors submitting their Annual Appraisals, including my own, for the year 2020/21. I met with all Non-Executive Directors privately prior to submitting the paperwork to the Department of Health ahead of the deadline.

I Chaired 4 Consultant interview panels and can report that we have again appointed some excellent clinicians into roles across SET sites. This augers well for our patients and services users in the years to come and allows us to both retain and develop services.

As you are all aware we held a Board Development Day in October again progressing our governance and oversight review as we 'Re-SET' the Board to be fit for purpose in light of all that we have experienced over the last two years. We have still some way to go but much work has been done and 2022 will see us bed in new ways of working and how we do business in the future.

Jonathan



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