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Agenda Item: Chair’s Report

Colleagues,

You will recall that as a Trust Board we had the pleasure recently of hosting Mr Peter May, the Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health. This was the first occasion for the Trust in many years to hear directly from the Permanent Secretary on his and his Department’s priorities. I thank Members for their interest and courtesy extended to Mr May on his visit.

I have since met with him again with fellow HSC Trust Chairs where the two primary issues were again - the Partnership Agreement and Efficiency and Performance in order to make best use of our allotted funds. We are all very aware we will close the year in financial deficit and we need to minimise the amount and claw back anything we can.

I chaired one Advisory Appointments Committee for Emergency Medicine Consultants and was greatly encouraged to see a field of 11 highly able clinicians wanting to work for the Trust and step up into an area that takes so much criticism and is the focus of relentless media attention. I am again very confident in the Committee’s appointment.

I attended 4 NICON Meetings during the month discussing progress across the region and looking at the re-shaping of NICON to meet the needs of Members.

NICON Conference is back as a face to face event next month and I would encourage Members to book if you not yet done so as there are some excellent speakers lined up, including our own Chief Executive, covering a range of very relevant topics.

It was disappointing that with so much time and effort by so many people our week of celebrations had to be postponed. The week’s events should have been a clear and demonstrable signal to our incredible staff on how much we value them, show recognition and thank them for their contribution to the effective working of the Trust. New dates are already being secured to make these important events happen.

I was extremely privileged to represent the Trust alongside the Chief Executive at the Service of Thanksgiving and Reflection on the life of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in St Anne’s Cathedral Belfast.

I wish to inform Members that I have accepted two roles linked to my Vice Chair of NICON. I have joined the Committee of the Public Sector Chairs Forum. The Forum exists as a

networking resource for chairs of public bodies whose overarching purpose is to enhance leadership in Northern Ireland.

The second role is as a Member of the Improvement and Transformation Advisory Board set up by the Department of Health. This group made up of Patient Representatives, Trade Unions, Royal Colleges, BMA and others will be chaired by Peter May. The first meeting has yet to be convened. I will be representing regional views and positions at these meetings not those of a South Eastern Trust perspective.

Jonathan



“Collective leadership creates the foundation of a strong, supportive organisational culture.”
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