

Chair's Report
Governing Body meeting
6 February 2014

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This report summarises the business that I have conducted on behalf of the CCG during January.

Work continues with city-wide partners. At the time of writing, I am due to attend the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board, to which provider colleagues have been invited. At this meeting we hope to hear about the plans of a range of providers which we can discuss and assess in the context of the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy. In turn, providers may wish to discuss and influence the Health and Wellbeing Board. I will report on the discussion at the Governing Body meeting.

My national and regional work continues as in previous reports. I attended the NHS Leadership Academy Programme Board. The Leadership Academy has made good progress in its first year, with wide uptake from a range of NHS staff at various stages in their careers. The courses offered have evaluated well. We discussed plans for the coming financial year, building on this early success. It appears that, based on numbers of people on the courses offered by the Leadership Academy, only the Open University will have a larger management training scheme in the country, illustrating the level of ambition that the Academy has. Of interest to the Governing Body, we feel that the courses offered probably do not really meet the needs of CCG commissioners, and more thought about this is needed.

I will also attend the CCG Collaborative Commissioning Board (CCG COM). I anticipate that we will be concentrating on the future of our hospital providers. Nationally, up to one third of foundation trusts are indicating that they are facing making a loss in the forthcoming financial year. As commissioners, we are mainly interested in the services that patients receive rather than the fate of individual institutions, but sustainability issues arising in such a short time period are naturally concentrating our minds.

I also attended the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) Chairs' Conference which provided a perspective on the role of the Board in organisational success or failure, the role of a Governing Body in addressing sustainability, policy updates from The Department and building team motivation.

A Governing Body to Board meeting was held with the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals (NHS) Foundation Trust where both parties updated on their respective key issues and priorities. The meeting was well received. The next meeting of the Right First Time Programme Board is scheduled to take place at the end of January.

Following the Governing Body organisational development session held in December, a Task and Finish Group has been established and a series of meetings scheduled to take forward a programme of actions. Further updates will be provided as this work progresses.

I am happy to answer any questions or provide further information on any of the above points.

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