

Board of Directors' Meeting 13 March 2025

Agenda item		039/25		
Report Title		Chief Executive's Report		
Executive Lead		Jo Williams, Chief Executive Officer		
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CQC Domain:		Link to Strategic Goal:		Link to BAF / risk:
Safe	√	Our patients and community	√	-
Effective	√	Our people	√	
Caring	√	Our service delivery	√	Trust Risk Register id:
Responsive	√	Our governance	√	
Well Led	√	Our partners	√	
Consultation Communication		N/A		
Executive summary:		<p>We continue to see small improvements in some of our healthcare targets, such as our A&E criteria, and our back-log waiting lists - which clearly leads to better outcomes for our patients and their families. We appreciate that there is still much to be done, but we stand firm in continuing with the task of improvement across the organisation and, in collaboration with partners, across the wider healthcare footprint.</p> <p>The structure of our new building works at RSH as part of our Hospital Transformation Project has certainly gained momentum, with the foundations of the new estate springing into life around a hospital location, which continues to operate on a 24/7 basis.</p> <p>Looking to the immediate future, our senior teams have been busy taking part in the annual NHS planning process – further details will follow.</p>		
Recommendations for the Board:		The Board is asked to note the contents of the report and to take assurance where appropriate.		
Appendices		None		

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This paper provides an update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and updates since the last Board on 16 January 2025 from the Chief Executive's perspective, this includes an overall update, SaTH news and wider NHS updates.

2.0 OVERALL SaTH UPDATE

- 2.1 Our Tier 1 NHSE performance meeting for UEC chaired by NHSE National Directors was held on 28 February 2025. Whilst we all recognise that we are in a very challenging period and pressures remain we have continued to see improvements throughout February 2025 in critical areas such as ambulance handover delays, 12 hours waits in the ED's, fit-to-sit times; all of these areas continue to be our relentless focus with being overseen as part of our UEC Stronger Together, clinically lead, transformation programme.
- 2.2 We continue to focus on reducing our 65 and 78-week wait patients. Our 65-week wait backlog has decreased again in February 2025 with further reduction planned this month and the remainder being cleared in Quarter 1 2025.
- 2.3 We welcomed to the Trust over the last few weeks, James Wright as Deputy COO for Planned Care, and Liz Sleavin as Transformation Lead Nurse for UEC. At the end of March 2025 we will be joined by Suzanne Crossley, Deputy COO for UEC, and Jonathan Atkinson, Director of Operations for Women's and Children's. I would like to wish them all a warm welcome to SaTH and look forward to seeing the impact of the team, which we know has a significant improvement programme to deliver at pace.
- 2.4 On Thursday 7 March 2025 we are delighted to host our local MP's and joint Chair of JHOSC to visit the first phase of HTP which is our new majors and resus accommodation co-located to the existing Emergency Department at RSH, which will be operational at the end of March 2025.
- 2.5 Marked annually on 8 March every year, International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality. IWD 2025 campaign theme is 'Accelerate Action'. Accelerate Action is a worldwide call to acknowledge the strategies, resources and activity that positively impact women's advancement, and to support and elevate their implementation. We know that significant barriers to gender equality remain, yet with the right action and support, positive progress can be made for women everywhere. This year at SaTH we will be marking the day and launching further advice and help relating to the menopause.

3.0 SHROPSHIRE TELFORD & WREKIN INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM (ICS) UPDATES

- 3.1 Like other systems across the country, the Trust has been working in conjunction with its ICS and other local partners as part of this year's NHS planning process.
- 3.2 Once finalised, the Trust's Operating Plan 2025/26 will be brought to Board and published on the Trust's website.

4.0 NHSE

- 4.1 Amanda Pritchard has formally notified the NHS England Board of her decision to stand down as chief executive at the end of this financial year. Amanda has been Chief Executive since August 2021 and chief operating officer since 2019. Sir James Mackey will be taking over as Transition CEO of NHS England, working closely with Amanda for the next month before taking up post formally on the first of April.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 5.1 The Board is asked to consider and note the contents of this report.

Jo Williams
Chief Executive
3 March 2025