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**COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING, TUESDAY 7th APRIL 2015, 10.30am,
ROOM 1, TRUST HEADQUARTERS**

Present:

Alan Maden	-	Chair
Iris Emery	-	Service User and Carer
Jonathan Elster	-	Public: Salford
Alan Mitchell	-	Appointed: Trafford
Paul Butcher	-	Public: Trafford
Anne Broadhurst	-	Lead Governor
Fareed Bashir	-	Staff Governor: Medical
Phil Saxton	-	Public: Other North West
Andrew Greenhalgh	-	Service User and Carer
Jennifer Carlisle	-	Staff Governor: Nursing
William Gallagher	-	Public: Bolton
Cllr Anne Cunliffe	-	Appointed: Bolton
Sylvia Seddon	-	Public: Trafford
Margaret Riley	-	Service User and Carer
Les Allen	-	Public: Bolton
Hazel Carter	-	Public: Trafford
Peter Baimbridge	-	Public: Salford
Rob Beresford	-	Public: Other North West
Eddie Murdoch	-	Staff: Non Clinical
Joanne Wilson	-	Service User and Carer
Wilf Davidson	-	Appointed: Cloughside College

In Attendance:

Bev Humphrey	-	Chief Executive
Terry McDonnell	-	Non Executive Director
Kathy Doran	-	Non Executive Director
Julie Jarman	-	Non Executive Director
Karen Luker	-	Non Executive Director
Malcolm Cowen	-	Non Executive Director
Steve Colgan	-	Medical Director
Ismail Hafeji	-	Director of Finance and IMT
Gill Green	-	Director of Operations & Nursing
Steph Neville	-	Head of Corporate Affairs

40/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Margaret Willis	-	Service User and Carer
Julie Turner	-	Staff Governor: Non Clinical
Sarah McDonald	-	Staff Governor: Non Clinical
Anthony Bell	-	Non Executive Director
Neil Thwaite	-	Director of Development & Performance/Deputy CE
Andrew Maloney	-	Director of HR and Governance
John McLellan	-	Public: Salford
Desmond Bradley	-	Public: Bolton

41/15 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, Alan Maden, welcomed Wilf Davidson to the meeting as a representative of Cloughside College.

42/15 DECLARATIONS FO INTEREST

Governors were asked to sign and return the Annual Declaration of Interest.

43/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2015 were approved as an accurate record subject to the addition of Les Allen to the list of attendees.

44/15 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

45/15 CHAIRS REPORT

The Chair, Alan Maden, presented his report to the Council of Governors.

The meeting noted the following:

- (i) Governor Training – that the recent Governor training had taken place and had very positive feedback with a good turnout of existing Governors.
- (ii) Chairs Appointment – the appointment of a new Chair would be led by the Nominations Committee, under the Chairmanship of Malcolm Cowen as Vice Chair of the Trust to be led by Malcolm Cowen, Vice Chair.
- (iii) Government Minister, Norman Lamb had recently visited RADAR where he congratulated the “excellent” staff on their fantastic service and recent achievement of being named the Royal College of Psychiatrists “Team of the Year”. In answer to a question from Anne Broadhurst, Bev Humphrey confirmed that the service was still funded non recurrently by the CCGs, now including Bolton from the 1st April 2015.
- (iv) September 2015 meeting of the Council of Governors would be held on the 29th September 2015

The meeting **noted** the Chairs Report.

46/15 DEVOLUTION MANCHESTER

Bev Humphrey, Chief Executive, gave a verbal update to Governors on key issues in relation to Devolution Manchester. She explained that the speed of announcements pre-election was surprising. Greater Manchester presented a challenging environment in which to pursue devolution to regional government and which included health and social care commissioning. The intention was to reach agreement between the Local Authority Councils and CCG's across Greater Manchester. Providers would be involved in governance arrangements in the shadow year across Greater Manchester and it had been agreed that there would be a mental health workstream.

Les Allen asked a question in relation to funding of management structure to support the aspiration of regional government. Bev Humphrey explained that initially the CCGs and Councils would pool resources from existing budgets, with some elements of double running for a short time.

The Council of Governors **noted** the verbal update.

47/15 OPERATIONAL PLAN PRIORITIES 2015/16

Ismail Hafeji, Director of Finance and IMT, presented the Trust's Operational Plan Priorities 2015/16.

He highlighted the process and contents which started with Annual Planning Guidance from Monitor for 2015/16 and explained that the Trust had submitted its high level plan. The Council noted that in 2015/16 Mental Health had been identified as a priority nationally and commissioners were required to demonstrate a commitment to increase expenditure on mental health services. He explained the key issue around the tariff and consequence for providers but it was noted that GMW was one of the few organisations with such a positive outlook and investment potential.

Jonathan Elster asked about potential increased inflation according to the Bank of England and any potential for claw back. Ismail Hafeji responded that the Trust was required to work within the nationally set assumptions on inflation but commented that a key challenge to the Trust was the increasing acuity of service users rather than inflation increases.

The Council of Governors noted the financial assumptions including the fact that expecting no major disinvestments in services were anticipated from commissioners in 2015/16 but future years were less clear, particularly in the light of Devolution Manchester and the forthcoming elections.

Alan Maden, Chair, congratulated Ismail Hafeji and his department in helping to achieve a sound financial footing for the Trust whilst still achieving Cost Improvement Programme savings and self-financing capital developments.

Bev Humphrey added that the Trust was in contract negotiations with commissioners in relation to NHS funding for mental health and CCG allocations for improved access targets. It was noted that across the Trust's CCGs there was a growth in allocations resulting in an increased £4m across district services in Bolton, Salford and Trafford.

The Council of Governors **noted** the report

48/15 REPRESENTING INTERESTS OF MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC

Alan Maden, presented a document published by Monitor and Govern Well to act as a resources guide to help Governors represent the interest of members of foundation trusts and the public. He explained that having 8500 members and a particular challenge of geographical spread and nature of mental health presents different challenges than those experienced by District General Hospitals.

Alan Maden explained that a recent meeting of the Chairs Advisory Group had discussed proposals in relation to Governor surgeries and practicalities in terms of acuity of inpatients and widespread community settings, risk and safety and role of Governors and volunteers.

The Council debated the issues associated with surgeries and purpose and challenges of communicating at scale with the Trust's membership base.

Governors were encouraged to forward suggestions to the Communications Team and a proposal would be brought to a future meeting of the Council of Governors.

The Council of Governors **noted** the report

49/15 LEAD GOVERNOR UPDATE

Anne Broadhurst, Lead Governor, gave a verbal update drawing Governors attention to a forthcoming conference at Sale Waterside Art Centre on the 13th May in relation to psychosis and schizophrenia.

The verbal update was **noted** by the Council of Governors.

50/15 POLICE LIAISON PRESENTATION

Gill Green, Director of Operations and Nursing gave a presentation on work taking place between the Trust and Greater Manchester Police. She set the context that in the last 4 years with public sector cuts and an increased cohort of vulnerable people living in a community setting who were coming into contact with services. In addition, nationally the language used to describe the changing language became aggressive with “dangerous people” in the community and “inadequate mental health services”.

In response the Trust strategically identified GMP as an important partner in developing appropriate facilities in Bolton and Salford (Section 136 suites) and getting local partnerships developed with an understanding of each others language to start to build trust between the two organisations. Gill Green explained that it quickly became clear that the most fundamental contact was the custody sergeant and worked through the multi-disciplinary team to deliver training to police and vice versa. The impact of this work has been significant. In addition Police liaison staff provide a single point of contact for the police to divert the number of section 136’s and feedback from police has been its so valued by police in the community.

Gill Green outlined the key headlines from Greater Manchester Police, for example, Sir Peter Fahey opening Bolton and Salford Section 136 Suites.

In answer to a question from Rob Beresford and magistrates court, Gill Green explained that much of the liaison work was targeted at front line police and magistrates court have court liaison service to offer the courts an opportunity to divert individuals where appropriate from the legal system.

Jonathan Elster commented that service user forums have involved local police which has been helpful to the police to help them how to deal with challenging situations.

The Council of Governors **noted** the report

51/15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of any other Business.

52/15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council of Governors would be held on:

Tuesday 7th July 2015, 10.00 am