

REPORT TO PUBLIC TRUST BOARD

Enclosure 3

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Title of Report:	CEO Board Report		
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Purpose of the report:			
Approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consider for Action	<input type="checkbox"/>	Assurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Executive Summary:

This report updates the Board on activities undertaken since the last meeting and draws the Board's attention to any other issues of significance or interest.

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Strategic Priorities (please indicate)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Growth - We will commit to investing in providing high-quality preventative services that reduce the need for secondary care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access - We will ensure that everybody who needs our services will be able to choose the way, the time, and the place in which they access them <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevention - To will continue to grow high-quality, integrated services delivered by an innovative and sustainable workforce. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 		
BAF / Risk / legal implications: Risk Register Reference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> We will provide the highest quality, safe and effective services <input type="checkbox"/> We will attract, develop and retain the best people <input type="checkbox"/> We will actively promote partnership and integrated models of working <input type="checkbox"/> We will increase our efficiency and effectiveness through sustainable development <input type="checkbox"/> <p>Any Risk/legal implications: (please reference if any)</p>		
Sustainability:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the environmental impact of health and social care in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 		

	2. Build a network of climate and sustainability champions across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Share learning and best practice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Resource Implications:	N/A	
Funding Source:	N/A	
Diversity & Inclusion Implications: (Assessment of issues connected to the Equality Act 'protected characteristics' and other equality groups). See wider D&I Guidance	There is no direct impact on the protected characteristics as part of the completion of this report.	
ICS Alignment / Implications:	N/A	
Recommendations:	Board is asked to receive for information and assurance	
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1	Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive	2 July 2024

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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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2.0 NATIONAL CONTEXT AND UPDATES

Future challenges for the NHS

At the time of writing, the result of the General Election remains unknown. Over the campaign, various health bodies and think tanks have given their opinion on the challenges facing the new Government, whatever its make-up.

NHS Providers

"Nurturing a thriving health and care workforce is essential to delivering safe, high-quality patient care now and in the years to come. With over 100,000 vacancies in the health service in England alone, it is vital that any future government commits to implementing and fully funding the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan. Efforts to retain staff and improve working conditions must be paramount."

NHS Confederation

"A well-resourced NHS is vital to the running of the economy, including supporting people to work. It should be regarded as a key driver of growth. Our analysis shows that for every £1 invested in the NHS, the economy gets £4 back in gross value added (GVA). The next government should target investment in the NHS and social care as an explicit tool of economic development and prosperity.

"To build the health of the nation and a more prosperous UK, as well as creating a more sustainable NHS given constrained resources, health and care leaders are ready to work with partners and patients to make tough and explicit choices on how local services are configured, what care should be prioritised and how best to transform services."

Kings Fund

"Improving access to out-of-hospital care is critical. It's key to helping people stay well, diagnose conditions early and self-manage for longer, better for people and more cost-effective for the NHS. Making this shift a reality is the sort of bold re-imagining of our health and care system that we need. It requires a radical refocusing and 'shifting of the spotlight' to primary and community settings, to grow the primary and community workforce, ensure future investment gets spent in the community, and improve primary care estates. It must also include meaningful reform of social care, something that governments of all colours have put off for too long."



3.0 STAFFORDSHIRE AND STOKE-ON-TRENT INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM (ICS)

With the pre-election period in place, there was a pause in public announcements and activity at ICS/B level.

4.0 OUR TRUST

Pride Season 2024

June was Pride month and, as always, the Trust and its staff celebrated LGBTQ+ people's identities, whilst marking the anniversary of the Stonewall riots. Pride Season 2024 was a month-long celebration to recognise the LGBTQ+ community and their contributions to society. It is a time to acknowledge the challenges faced by our community. And to work to bring about positive change. We were keen to stress that little things can make a big difference, like wearing the NHS Rainbow Badge, sharing pronouns on emails and/or staff badges, or getting to know others without judgement, including joining our [LGBT+ Staff Network](#) to show support as a member of the LGBT+ community or as an ally.

PICU created a wonderful display in situ and the Darwin Centre created rainbow bunting and flew the Pride flag out of their windows, as well as displaying 'gingerbread persons' which are a great tool for educating around gender identity, gender expression, biological sex, and attraction.

Max Austin' is our very own Mike Groden's author penname. Mike works as a Senior Advanced Nurse Practitioner within our 'Combined family'. He is also the debut author of 'How Can We Be Wrong?' that is published by Spectrum Books. The trust and our ICS Partners were extremely grateful to Mike for voluntarily running not one, but two book reading sessions in his own time at our stall at Stoke Pride on Saturday 15 June. And if this wasn't enough, he kindly donated signed copies of his novel and bespoke bookmarks during two prize draws on the day.

Celebrating Learning Disabilities Week 2024

Learning Disability Week 2024 ran from 17 – 23 June. This year's theme was 'Do you see me?' and was all about people with a learning disability being seen, heard and valued. Lots of teams and services from across the trust got involved.

Healthy Me Day event

The Learning Disability Health Team held a Healthy Me Day event at the Indi Club in Sneyd Green last week. Staff and teams attended from North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Learning Disability Health Team as well as other health partners across Stoke-on-Trent. The event was to raise awareness of various health screenings that are available, learning disability health checks, healthy eating, diabetes, men/women's health, mental health, weight management and much more. Attendees had an opportunity to take part in a range of activities, such as chair yoga. It was well attended and a great demonstration of partnership working in the learning disabilities health sector across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.



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Coffee morning at Broom Street

The Talk and Change group hosted a coffee morning to celebrate at Broom Street with drinks and cake, which was very well attended. The Talk and Change group also launched a new video where the group shared their achievements and insights. You can watch this on our [YouTube channel](#)

New name and look for our Youth Council

The Youth Council has rebranded. Elevate is the Trust's official Youth Council in collaboration with Changes' Stay Well service. It is currently taking on new members; if you know any young people aged 13-21, who have lived experience or a passion in mental health services and would like to be part of service development and promoting youth voice, please visit the website www.elevateyouthcouncil.org or contact sabrina.lawton@combined.nhs.uk for more information.

Dates for your diary

I wanted to give everyone as much notice as possible of two important dates for your diary.

This year's **Trust AGM** will take place at 3pm on Thursday 12th September. It will once again be a hybrid event hosted in the Boardroom at Lawton House. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person, but must pre-book their place via Eventbrite. Alternatively, anyone can join by MS Teams. Full details will be made available closer to the event.

This year's **REACH Awards** will take place on the evening of Wednesday 20th November at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. Nominations will open on 31st July.

4.1



Quality Account published on Trust website

At the last Trust Board, we were pleased to sign off this year's Quality Account which has now been published on the Trust website – available for download at this link - <https://www.combined.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Quality-Account-2023-24-FINAL-for-publication.pdf>



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4.2



National Healthcare Estates and Facilities Staff Day

The National Healthcare Estates and Facilities Staff Day celebrates the essential work of all Estates and Facilities professions.

It provides national recognition of the achievements of the thousands of staff working in these service professions and the critical importance of E&F services in the delivery of care to our patients.

Combined is a strong supporter of this day and, once again, every member of the team from in-house staff and our partners SERCO, received a personalised card of recognition and thanks signed by myself and Janet Dawson, our Chair.

Dragons Den 2024

Our 2024 Dragons' Den showcased a variety of ideas and innovations. I was delighted to be part of the fantastic panel, which included Chief Finance Officer, Eric Gardiner, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Dennis Okolo, Director of Medical Education and Research, Dr Ravi Belgamwar, and our Peer Recovery Coach, Andrea Davis. I would like to thank the panel for their time and support on the day.

We reviewed a range of innovative projects which included pitches from our Wellbeing College who shared sustainable ideas to promote wellbeing, such as better access to the Trust gym and creating communication channels through QR codes and peer support booklets. Additionally, teams pitched digital solutions to support our Neuropsychology services, initiatives in Clinical Health Psychology to tackle health inequalities and creating preventative support for carers within Learning Disability. The panel supported these ideas, some were fully funded, gained support to take forward or for further discussion.



4.3



Proud to Share

[Proud to Share](#) has been launched as our new forum on the CAT Intranet for our staff to post any changes they're making to be more sustainable. Whether the idea is big or small, in their personal lives or as team, we want to hear from them. It's really easy to submit something, so we are urging everyone to share what they're doing - it might even inspire someone to adopt the ideas for themselves.

We are asking staff to email communications@combined.nhs.uk with any ideas and photos throughout the month or submit to the [Proud to Share forum](#) so we can share what's going on.

4.4



Grant round three of the Community Mental Health Transformation Programme

The Community Foundation for Staffordshire working in partnership with North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust have launched the third grant round as part of the Community Mental Health Transformation Programme. This is one of a series of community grants that are available to support adults in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent who live with a severe mental illness. This third grant round is focussed on improving digital inclusion and engagement.

Two local organisations have been successful in their applications as part of this grant round and are now able to deliver free sessions for service users of Combined Healthcare, Raparu CIC and Asha. As an organisation, Raparu aims to promote the use of digital technology to improve health and wellbeing. Asha provides support and promotes social inclusion for asylum seekers, refugees and those who don't speak English as their first language.

A key element of this funding, which allows partnership working between the trust and both organisations, is to improve the digital skills of service users as well as increasing their confidence when using PatientAide - an online tool that allows patients to access their health documents all in one place and manage their appointments.



5.0 Conclusion

Once again, it has been a busy month at Combined, full of further examples of the initiatives and activities that continue to contribute to us being outstanding in all we do and how we do it.

