

Enclosure No: 5

Chairs Report – September 2025

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Executive Lead:	

Aligned to Board Assurance Framework Risk	Risk 1 The Trust fails to deliver effective care leading to regulatory restrictions
Approval / Review:	N/A
Strategic Priorities:	Prevention - We will continue to grow high-quality, integrated services delivered by an innovative and sustainable workforce
Key Enablers:	Quality - We will provide the highest quality, safe and effective services
Sustainability:	Share learning and best practice
Resource Implications:	No
Funding Source:	N/A
Diversity & Inclusion Implications	There is no direct impact on the protected characteristics as part of the completion of this report.
ICS Alignment / Implications:	Strategic fit with system priorities
Recommendation / Required Action	For information and assurance
Executive Summary	<p>The report updates the Board on strategic activity undertaken since the last meeting and draws the Board's attention to any other issues of significance or interest.</p> <p>This included a visit to Stoke Talking Therapies Team</p>

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People

In July I was delighted to be invited to the Stoke Talking Therapies Team to visit them and find out more about their work. It was a pleasure to meet Stephanie Woodall, the Clinical Lead and her team who had kindly put together a presentation covering all the aspects of the services offered by Talking Therapies. I was interested to learn about not only the wide range of interventions offered but the different ways in which people could access services, online, face to face, telephone, walk in, self and professional referral are all available. The service is not 24/7 but opens until 8.00 pm and offers Saturday mornings too.

I met a dedicated and enthusiastic team that delivers an impressively fast response time to those in need of their services which range from therapy pathways of every kind through to support with returning to or maintaining work through the Employment Advisor Service. The Employment Advisor Service works with local employers to encourage the creation of inclusive work environments for those living with or recovering from the wide range of conditions the team supports.

What came through strongly was great teamwork and a shared passion for helping others. It was great to spend some time with them. Thanks to them for sparing the time to give me an insight into one of our frontline services.



Chair