

Key Messages from the Board meeting held on 28th May

Minutes of the IGC

The Board received the minutes of the IGC held on 9th April for information and assurance. Anna McCreadie, Non-Executive Chair outlined there is a focus on improving the appraisal compliance rate and the committee is closely monitoring ECCH policies to ensure they are up to date.

Minutes of the Audit Committee

The Board received the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 30th April; Sean Kent, Non-Executive Chair mentioned that ECCH has received a good result following the Counter Fraud self-assessment with most areas being assessed as 'green' status. Simon Bragg also mentioned that following a recent penetration testing audit, no-one had clicked on the link which would have resulted in potential viruses, this is very positive and demonstrates that staff members are undertaking the mandatory training and are very aware of the security risks.

ECCH Subsidiaries Update

Simon Bragg presented a report on Big Sky Nursery at Beccles which the Board had agreed to review at the half year point. The nursery remains at less than full capacity however it was acknowledged that this could be partly due to advertising and it has been agreed that this will be addressed and the budget may be revised.

Medical Director Role

The Board were informed that Dr Andy Emerson will be stepping down from the Board as the Medical Director and will take on a new role for ECCH as Medical Associate. Dr Andy Emerson will work closely with the PCNs in the new model of care to provide the interface between community and primary care. This is a welcome direction of travel both by Dr Andy Emerson and the Board of ECCH. The ECCH Board thanked Dr Emerson for this continued support and expert contribution to the Board.

Non-Executive Director Roles

The Board were informed that Sean Kent, Non-Executive Director, had taken the decision not to continue with a second term of office and therefore resigned from ECCH as at 31st May 2019. The Board thanked Sean for his excellent contribution and support over the past three years as NED and Chair of the Audit Committee.

Anna McCreadie had expressed an interest in continuing as a Non-Executive Director for a second term of office and the Board voted in favour, welcoming Anna back to the Board.

Evolve Update

The Board were reminded that the next Culture Pulse survey opens on 12th June and there have been reminders in the weekly Comms leading up to this date. Deborah French mentioned that one of the changes which has been highlighted is that if staff do not participate this will affect the overall cluster group so one of the messages to staff is the importance of completing the survey which is also part of embracing work together, achieve together. The Evolve Progress workshops continue to take place and have received positive feedback.

ECCH Shareholders

The report for May shows that ECCH has 82% shareholding and there continues to be a good uptake from new staff joining ECCH; hopefully the drive to increase shareholding from all areas of the business will also show an increase in numbers.