

Key Messages – ECCH Board Meeting held on 4th July 2023

Report from the Chair

Tony Osmanski provided an update on recent meetings and engagements attended. Tony Osmanski said the AGM was a great success with positive feedback and also everyone enjoyed being able to hold this event in person again.

At the system Non-Executive Directors' meeting there was clearly a desire to have greater NED interaction between organisations within the system. The Chair of NCH&C had commented on the fact that they have a really strong collaborative working relationship with ECCH.

Report from the Chief Executive Officer

Ian Hutchison reported on the system pressures, the operational situation, current industrial action, NHS Workforce Plan and provided an update on the Community Services Review. He also mentioned that ECCH has been short-listed for the Parliamentary Awards on 5th July for the category of Nursing and Midwifery for our Carer Support Nurse Service and a few colleagues will be attending the ceremony in Westminster, London. We have also just received notification that two services have been shortlisted for an RCN Nursing Award, for which there were over 900 submissions.

Ian Hutchison mentioned the pay award for NHS staff and the fact that social enterprises have not been funded for the non-consolidated bonus element of the pay award. The Health Secretary has said that this is still under consideration so there remains a chance we may receive funding.

Adele Madin said that a petition has been circulated to our staff to help gather signatures for this to be considered for debate in parliament. Social Enterprise UK are lobbying on behalf of social enterprises and are preparing for a judicial review. We are involved, along with other social enterprises, in the SEUK meetings.

Report from the Staff Directors

Roxy King, Staff Director, talked through the report which covered feedback from the Shareholder Council and mentioned other highlights: we now have a digital shareholder application form in place which will make it easier to sign up to be a shareholder. Following the AGM held in May, we have received four expressions of interest to become a core member of the Shareholder Council and two staff members have now joined so we have better representation from across the organisation, which is very positive.

The boxes for local foodbanks have now been set up at ECCH sites and also the PCH teams have signed up to the Crisis Package offered by the Trussell Trust which is for people in the community who don't have enough supplies and, if staff are visiting patients' homes, they can help by tapping into this service.



The staff wellbeing activities funded by ECCH have been well received by staff and we've now introduced free tea and coffee at all sites as a wellbeing gesture for staff. Hopefully this will also encourage staff to take a break. Amy Vallis, Staff Director, mentioned that some teams have included photos of their team activities on social media which has positively promoted ECCH.

Shareholder Report

The Board received the Shareholder Report for the period 2nd May to 30th June 2023 showing the details of shareholder leavers and new share applications received. Shareholding is currently at 75.80% with 16 new shareholder applications received in this reporting period.

Updates from the Board Sub-Committees

The Non-Executive Director Chairs of the Quality Committee, Audit & Risk Committee and People, Performance and Finance (PPF) Committee provided an update on the inaugural meetings of these committees. Each Committee approved the Terms of Reference which were then subsequently ratified by the Board.

Summary Operational Update

Adele Madin, Executive Director of Operations, provided an operational update for the Board and outlined that the data reporting is being prepared for the next PPF Committee and today's update focuses on our contract position over the next 12 months. She shared a short presentation and talked through the key highlights.

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Rachel Theobald, Executive Assistant to:

Chief Executive Officer | Chair | Executive Director of Operations | Director of Human Resources East Coast Community Healthcare CIC

