

Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Date: 22 March 2017

Title and Author of Paper: Chief Executive's Report
John Lawlor, Chief Executive

Paper for Debate, Decision or Information: Information

Key Points to Note:

Trust updates

1. Annual NTW Shining a Light Staff Awards
2. Naval Reserve Champion

Regional updates

3. STP Mental Health Transformation and Delivery Programme
4. Northumberland ACO

Outcome required: For information

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Trust updates

1. Annual NTW Shining a Light Staff Awards

Our Staff awards will take place on 24th March at the Civic Centre in Newcastle. This annual event gives us the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of staff and teams from across the Trust who have made an exceptional contribution to supporting our patients and their carers. We have also introduced an award for people not employed by NTW but who have made a significant contribution to our service users, or to challenging the stigma associated with mental ill health and disabilities.

2. Naval Reserve Champion

Dr Dipty Patel will be awarded a certificate by the Lord Lieutenant at the ceremony in recognition of her service to the National Reserve, which is due to take place on 21 March.

Regional updates

3. STP Mental Health Transformation and Delivery Programme

The STP Mental Health workstream had its first workshop which was attended by about 70 colleagues representing Acute Trusts, CCGs, Local Authorities and the Voluntary Sector.

Following the workshop MH priorities were identified for the three other workstreams. An implementation plan is now being developed for further progress.

4. Northumberland Accountable Care Organisation

The progress with seeking to establish the proposed ACO model in Northumberland reaches a significant milestone this month. Northumberland CCG and Northumbria FT plan to submit a Full Business Case (FBC) to NHS England and NHS Improvement at the end of March for their consideration. In this way, it remains possible for the ACO to 'go live' during 2017.

I have committed to advising the CCG and Northumbria FT if NTW intends to enter into the ACO as a full Board member (with voting rights and an agreement to share the financial and other risks) or for NTW to become a strategic partner (with attendance at the ACO Board in a non-voting capacity).

There are several uncertainties from NTW's perspective at this stage with the development of the ACO, most notably the fact we do not have a signed contract with the CCG for 2017-18; and that the level of any transitional financial support to enable the ACO to operate is not resolved..

For these reasons, my advice to the Board is to agree to NTW becoming a strategic partner during 2017-18, but with the ambition of becoming a full ACO Board member in 2018-19 - subject to a satisfactory contract outcome for 2017-18 and greater clarity on the financial and other risks attached to becoming an ACO Board member.