

Board of Directors (Public)
Item 1.6

Subject: Chief Executive's Report
Date of Meeting: Tuesday 26th April 2022
Prepared by: Executive Team
Presented by: Jane Tomkinson, Chief Executive
Purpose of Report: To Note

BAF Reference	Impact on BAF
All	The report updates on a range of issues including COVID risk and partnership working.

Level of assurance (please tick one)

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acceptable assurance Controls are suitably designed, with evidence of them being consistently applied and effective in practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partial assurance Controls are still maturing – evidence shows that further action is required to improve their effectiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low assurance Evidence indicates poor effectiveness of controls
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1. Estates Strategy Update

The LHCH Estates Management team has begun the development of an approved Estates Strategy for the Liverpool Heart & Chest Hospital Estate, this work is being supported by consultants from Rider Levett Bucknall (RLB) who are experienced in working with NHS Trusts in this capacity. Development of this strategy is key in ensuring the trust continues to deliver Outstanding Care to all its patients in line with the clinical visions of the Trust.

Sessions have been held with all the relevant stakeholders to enable the key challenges to be understood. This includes insights from the emerging Clinical Strategy as well as consideration of the capital investment plan, estates risk register, ERIC data, Six Facet information, Digital Strategy, Quality and Safety Strategy, the Green Plan and Hybrid Working Strategy.

The work is expected to be finalised in mid-June for Board approval in July.

2. Local Elections

Local government elections will take place in certain areas of the country on 5th May 2022 (whilst this does not include Liverpool, other councils within Cheshire and Merseyside will hold elections). The timetable is set out below



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The pre-election period prevents announcements from and activities by public bodies which could influence or be seen to influence the election (often referred to as ‘purdah’). The NHS is often part of the pre-election debate and as such NHS organisations are asked to consider their activity in the pre-election period.

Normal activity should continue, although the guidance states

“Where board meetings need to take place, the agenda should be confined to those matters that need a board decision or require board oversight. Matters of future strategy or the future deployment of resources may be construed as favouring one party over another and should be avoided. Use of the confidential part or part 2 of the agenda to discuss matters that may be politically controversial is not recommended. Such matters should be deferred until after the pre-election periods.”

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The Board agendas have been considered in light of the above, whilst also recognising the Board business cycle and normal activity requirements.

3. Recommendations

The Board of Directors are asked to review the content of this report and to raise issues at the meeting.