

Board of Directors (In Public)

Item 1.8

Subject: Chief Executive's Report
Date of Meeting: Wednesday 27th September 2023
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.

Level of assurance (<i>please tick one</i>)					
<i>To be used when the content of the report provides evidence of assurance</i>					
<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

1. Cheshire and Merseyside ICS Update and Cheshire and Merseyside Acute and Specialist Trust Collaborative (CMASST) Update

There are a number of papers included within the Board agenda providing updates from the wider system. This includes the CMASST Leadership Board (CiC), the Liverpool Trust Joint Committee, and the Broadgreen Site Sub Committee. Within these papers there is a continued focus on the delivery of the recommendations from the Liverpool Clinical Services review.

The CMASST briefing (August 2023) is also appended (Item 1.8a) to this report.

2. Fit and Proper Persons

NHS England (NHSE) published a new Fit and Proper Persons Test (FPPT) Framework on 2 August 2023 alongside guidance for chairs and for staff on implementation. NHSE expect elements the framework to be used from 30 September 2023 for all new appointments and in place fully by March 2024.

The LHCH Fit and Proper Persons Policy and processes have been reviewed against this guidance, with an action plan developed to ensure all aspects are implemented (notwithstanding some of these are subject to national changes to ESR and forthcoming NHS Leadership Competency Framework). A revised Fit and Proper Persons Policy will be presented to the Board of Directors for review and approval in September 2023.

3. Consultant Appointments

The following Consultant has recently been appointed:

Grade	Name	Recruitment Stage
Consultant Radiologist	Dr Khalid Babar	Pre-Employment

4. Public Sector Payment Practice Performance

The Trust has received a congratulatory letter from Julian Kelly, NHSE CFO, in respect of our performance against the Better Payment Practice Code (BPPC) which aims to ensure 95% suppliers are paid in a timely manner. This ensures stability of the supply chain as the NHS is a significant local economic contributor. The Trust consistently meets and exceeds this target and have one of the highest rates in the NW region.

5. Industrial Action Update

The NHS alongside other sectors continues to face the challenges of planning for industrial action from a number of unions. LHCH has ensured a strong focus on preparedness for strike action, as well as the implications for cancelled activity and delays in patient care.

The Trust is working through the backlog arising from the Q1 industrial action and the July Junior Doctor and British Medical association (BMA) action by consultants.

Further strike dates have been proposed by the BMA for Consultants on the 19th and 20th September; for Junior Doctors on 20th and 23rd September; and for both Consultants and Junior Doctors from 2nd October to 5th October 2023.

See Appendix A for the overview of industrial action for Cheshire and Merseyside.

6. Flu and Covid vaccination campaigns

The flu and covid vaccination campaign was brought forward nationally in light of the new strain of covid (BA2.86). The campaign starts nationally on the 18th September 2023. The eligible cohorts for covid are patient facing healthcare workers, over 65's, those severely immunosuppressed and other risk groups. For flu the usual cohort is in place (e.g. frontline staff, over 65s and other risk groups).

The plan for LHCH is to offer covid and flu vaccinations to all LHCH staff, contracted staff, volunteers, and students. Inpatients who are vulnerable or long stayers will be offered the covid vaccination. The Trust will receive a nominal payment of £7.24 for each patient facing healthcare worker on ESR who is vaccinated.

The delivery of flu and covid vaccines is expected late September and the Trust campaign will begin as soon as these are received. The Trust will administer vaccines from the Tockman Clinic, with additional flu vaccination taking place via peer vaccinators, drop in at occupational health and walk rounds. As in previous years the campaigns will be staffed to administer the vaccines by the Patient Safety & Emergency Planning Lead Nurse, Head of Risk Management, Occupational Health nurse and bank registered nurses. The campaigns are due to end in December 2023.

7. Recommendations

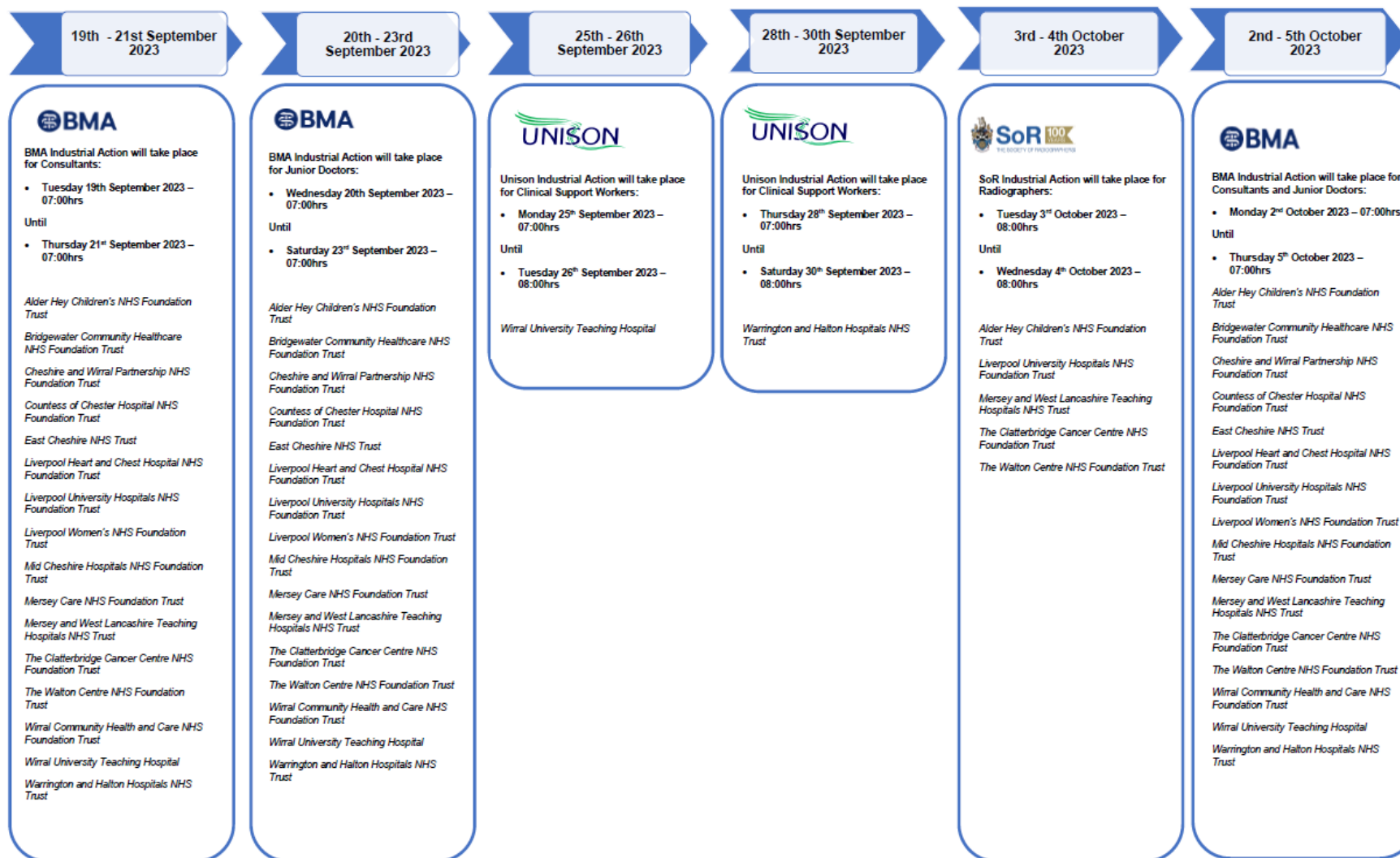
The Board of Directors is asked to review the content of this report.

Appendix A

Industrial Action Strikes announced across Cheshire and Merseyside



Cheshire and Merseyside



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