

**Board of Directors (In Public)**  
**Item 1.6**

**Subject:** Chief Executive's Report  
**Date of Meeting:** 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
**Presented by:** James Sumner, Chief Executive  
**Purpose of Report:** To Note

BAF Reference	Impact on BAF
All	The report updates on a range of issues.

<b>Level of Assurance (please tick)</b> To be used to provide the Board / Committee with a guide on the extent of assurance and evidence of assurance provided within the report		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Level of Assurance	Description	
High	There is a strong system of internal control which has been effectively designed to meet the system objectives, and that controls are consistently applied in all areas reviewed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Substantial	There is a good system of internal control designed to meet the system objectives, and that controls are generally being applied consistently.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Moderate	There is an adequate system of internal control, however, in some areas weakness in design and/or inconsistent application of controls puts the achievement and some aspects of the system objectives at risk.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limited	There is a compromised system of internal control as weaknesses in the design and / or inconsistent application of controls puts the achievement of the system objectives at risk.	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	There is an inadequate system of internal control as weaknesses in control, and/or consistent non-compliance with controls could/has resulted in failure to achieve the system objectives.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**1. Operating Environment**

LHCH has continued to deliver outstanding patient care over the last 12 months which is represented by the consistent quality metrics. As a Trust we have delivered increased activity levels beyond the national baseline of pre covid levels. Whilst increasing activity safely we have been able to improve our wait times for patients, minimise long waiters over 65 weeks and achieving Diagnostic and Cancer standards at the of the year.

We have supported the system in delivering a financial surplus of 14.1 million, which is testament to the Divisions' delivery of activity, cost Improvement plans and accountability on budget management. To round off the year's achievements we have come top in the country for our

staff survey for all People Promise elements and themes and we were 1st in all 4 key indicators across Cheshire & Merseyside. A big thank you to all staff that responded to the survey.

## **2. Cheshire and Merseyside Acute and Specialist Trust provider collaboration (CMAST)**

See item 6.1.1.

## **3. Liverpool Adult Acute and Specialist Providers (LAASP)**

See item 6.1.2.

## **4. Consultant Appointments**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Recruitment Stage</b>
Consultant	Christopher Darwin	Starting 28/04/25
Locum Consultant	Franz Schneider	Pre-employment checks, starting 12/05/25
Consultant	Patrick Simon Edward Hayle	Starting 06/05/25

## **5. Other key appointments**

Nil to report.

## **6. Recommendations**

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