

Public Board Meeting
 Thursday 21 July 2022
 1000 - 1200
 By tele/video conference

Minutes

Item	Title	Enc	Who
1	<p>Attendance</p> <p>Directors: Simon Adams - Managing Director Jo Ringshall - Chair Jane Stanley John Taylor Martin Gallagher</p> <p>Co-opted Members: David Saunders - Volunteer St Pauls Hostel represented by Jonathan Sutton Sandycoft represented by Lee McKenzie Swallows Head and Neck Cancer Support Group represented by Chris Byrne</p> <p>[NB the Co-opted Members attend the Board Meeting as non-voting participants]</p> <p>Also in attendance: Suzy James - Engagement Officer Louise Handy - Business Manager</p> <p>Apologies: Families In Partnership - Co-opted Member Young Solutions - Co-opted Member</p>		JR
2	<p>Declaration of Interests No declarations of interest</p>		JR
3	<p>Minutes of Public Board Meeting on 24 March 2022 and Matters Arising: The Directors approved the minutes of the Public Board Meeting on 26 May 2022.</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Echocardiograms SA reported that NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire had provided an update on the waiting list position for Endocardiography in Worcestershire as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steady progress has been made on the backlog since December thanks to CCG 	Encs 1i	JR SA

	<p>investment in extra clinic sessions provided by locums and the willingness of existing NHS staff to work extra shifts. The number of WAH patients waiting at the end of December was 1,886. This has reduced to 1,300 at the end of June with 55% (733 patients) waiting longer than 6 weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical validation continues, as does the existing referral management scheme to ensure the right new patients are prioritised as they are referred (GP to consultant Advice and Guidance). The Trust has also expanded its capacity further by recently commissioning a locum service. This will further accelerate reduction of the current backlog to manageable levels. • It is anticipated that a return to the 6 week standard will be achieved before the end of the year. <p>Whilst the Board acknowledged the progress in reducing the waiting list it noted that the original commitment was to reduce the wait to the 6 week standard by the end of March 2022. The Board agreed to request a further update at the end of December 2022 for presentation at the Public Board meeting in January 2023. Action: SA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HWW's Annual Report 2021-2022 The Board noted that HWW's Annual Report 2021-2022 had been published on 29 June 2022. • NHS Dental Services Following on NHS England's presentation about NHS Dental services JR reported that changes had been made by NHSE to the dental contract. The Board agreed to invite the NHSE commissioner to the Public Board Meeting on 22 September 2022 to report on the changes and anticipated impact in Worcestershire. Action: JR 	1ii	JR
4	<p>Your View - Feedback Summary 2021-2022 SA presented the summary of feedback gathered through HWW's 'Advice & Information' service during 2021-2022 which the Board considered, and the Directors approved for publication.</p>	Enc 2	SA

5	Annual Accounts 2021-2022 JR presented HWW's Annual Accounts for 2021-2022 which had been approved by the Directors for the Boards consideration.	Enc 3	JR
6	Q1 [April - June] 2022-2023 Performance Monitoring Report SA presented HWW's Performance Report for Q1 [April - June] 2022-2023 which the Board considered, and the Directors approved subject to inclusion of further information about HWW's participation in the Integrated Care System. Action: SA	Enc 4	SA
7	Business Plan 2021-2023 The Board noted the Business Plan progress report and the Minister of State for Health's response to Robin Walker MP enquiry about Robotically Assisted Surgery in response to an enquiry with him by HWW.	Encs 5i 5ii	SA
8	Annual Conference 30 June 2022 JR reported on HWW's Annual Conference 2022 based on the attendees' feedback. Three main areas to consider for future events were noted as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More time to be allocated to HWW's presentation of its Annual Report • Consider the opportunity to increase attendee participation - an opportunity to frame questions for Question Time • Consider the membership of the Question Time panel ie strategic or operational? Action: SA		JR
	Date of Healthwatch Worcestershire's next Public Board Meeting: 22 September 2022 by video/tele conference.		