



Board of Directors

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1. Summary.

This quarter I am providing a summary report only in recognition of the detail in Lois' report which I do not need to repeat.

Our AGM on 19th August gave us a good chance to showcase some of our work such as the development of better information for people who use Eating Disorders Services. I enjoyed meeting team members for the first time in many months, and also others with lived experience such as Karim who continues to work alongside KC in raising awareness around substance misuse issues. I would recommend Karim's video on our website to anyone.

I confirmed at the AGM that Jordan Miller-Hughes has stood down from his role as a Non Executive Director because of other work pressures.

This quarter we have strengthened our position at the centre of the public engagement agenda across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough during this transitional year as the NHS moves from Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to Integrated Care Systems (ICSs). Covid and its many side effects continue to put huge pressures on our health and social care partners and in response to this Lois and I have stepped forward where necessary in areas where we have expertise. On behalf of the CCG and CPFT we are now leading the work on embedding co-production in its truest sense in the emerging Provider Collaboratives. This involves us in working more closely with those with lived experience of LD and Autism, and both older people and children and young people with mental health conditions.

In parallel with this we are taking forward our programmes of Co-production training for staff. Two sessions, for example, are booked with up to 20 commissioning staff from the local authorities in November.

This winter we will agree a new SUN Network Strategy for 2022 to 2025, in consultation with partners.

Finally, I would like to reiterate my thanks to all staff who have kept their eyes focussed on the task we are privileged to have – of helping people with substance misuse and mental health issues speak up about their experience. Staff have done this in the face of continued covid-based uncertainties and threats, and for this I am extremely grateful.