



## Board of Directors

<b>Subject</b>	Chair's Report
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<b>Purpose</b>	For Discussion

In the past quarter I am pleased to say we have consolidated our position within the evolving NHS planning system, as the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group works towards becoming an Integrated Care System by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 (previously 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022).

The CCG has recently re-affirmed that the principles of co- production in LD and mental health services are “universally accepted.” I trust this statement and am encouraged that the leadership at the CCG understands the crucial importance of the voice of lived experience in developing and improving services. At the same time, the challenge for us all is rightly stated by the CCG as being to “maximise the co-production opportunity”. Partners in the CCG, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT) and elsewhere need our support to do co-production properly, at a time when there are unprecedented pressures on their resources and their time, directly or indirectly caused by the ongoing pandemic.

Through the NHS Co-production Collaborative, we continue to play a leading role on behalf of all local voice organisations to realise this ambition. I look forward to more examples of the positive impact of co-production in 2022 to put alongside the evidence which we have steadily built up and which can be seen on our website.

The SUN Network team has not been immune from covid-related pressures, and we still need to be creative in our ways of hearing from more people with lived experience of mental health and substance misuse issues and of being multiply disadvantaged. It is vitally important that we continue to pay attention to each other's well-being as staff, and I am proud of the way Lois has made sure we continue to check in on each other regularly as well as enjoying special events like our Christmas dinner!

It is great that our co-production training package was delivered for the first time in December, and with positive feedback. In the short and medium term we intend to provide more such training to partner organisations. For the next three years – 2022 to 2025 – we have begun work on our strategy which following consultation we will sign off at our April Board meeting.