



Board of Directors

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Purpose	For Discussion

In the past quarter it has been good to see the further work we have undertaken to promote co-production as a way of operating and train partner agencies such as the local authorities in best practice. I enjoyed being part of the co-production feedback event at The Maple Centre on 25th August. Amongst other things I was able to catch up with our staff and hear more, for example, about our very important engagement with residents of Adult Social Care funded supported housing projects for people with mental health conditions. The results were mixed, and I look forward to our report generating much needed actions for improvement.

At our last Board meeting in July, we took steps to strengthen some of our internal monitoring systems. We have been aware this year of receiving more requests for our involvement than we can possibly accept and so we now keep a more formal record of demand for our services. We are also beginning to record more consistently our impacts – dividing this between the impact on people of working with us on a project (e.g., what they have got out of it) and the ultimate impact (e.g., whether services are actually improved as a result).

In terms of Board development, I am very pleased to welcome a new Non-Executive Director to her first Board meeting today. Szara Coote brings very relevant lived experience to the role and a clear passion for making services better, which I really appreciate.

At a strategic level it has been a strangely quiet three months from my point of view – with the Integrated Care System's Mental Health and Learning Disability and Autism Boards not meeting whilst their functions and terms of reference are reviewed. I have been concerned that the lengthy transition from Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to ICSs might slow down the service improvements that are very much needed. Feeding in themes from people with lived experience for attention at the various Boards has not been possible whilst the Boards have not met, and I will be doing what I can to address this situation with the relevant colleagues.