



Board of Directors

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

At a strategic level I am disappointed to say that from our point of view the NHS planning and commissioning process remains unclear and ineffective since the establishment of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System (ICS) in July 2022. It has been hard to identify key colleagues in the Mental Health Learning Disability and Autism Accountable Business Unit (ABU), and once identified several such colleagues have left.

This has led to delays in formally agreeing service user and carer representatives on the relevant ABU Boards and Lois and I have set ourselves a fresh date of 11th May to complete this task.

We continue to grow year-on-year and have built a strong local reputation especially on the back of our provision of co-production training. We are undertaking a Good To Go governance review this summer which will provide more quality assurance around our internal processes. Our creation of a new Involvement Group of people with lived experience to undertake a range of new roles is another example of our readiness to do more. Whilst our frustrations at the level of strategic planning and transformational work persist, it is crucial that we concentrate on helping people speak up so that services improve, even in small ways.

I remain committed to the organisation achieving as much as it possibly can alongside people with lived experience who want things to be better for those who come after them.