



Board of Directors

Subject:	Chair's Report
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Purpose:	For Discussion

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

On 26th June we held a successful Annual General Meeting (AGM) attended by all the team, interested other people with lived mental health and/or substance misuse experience and commissioners. Each team member described a piece of work they had done with an emphasis on outcomes. I enjoyed meeting a range of people who value what we do and seeking views on how we might grow.

In terms of team development in the past quarter we have welcomed 2 new members of staff since our last Board meeting – Jo Grimmer and Kate Honan. This will increase our capacity and enable us to undertake more projects to make sure the voices of people with lived experience are heard as far as possible whenever services are changed or reviewed.

Lois and I have made progress in the last quarter in establishing the service user voice in the new commissioning structure the Integrated Care System for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This has not been easy. We have established a relationship with John Webster the Managing Director of the Accountable Business Unit for Mental Health Learning Disabilities and Autism. Several important developments are now taking place, including a review of Mental Health Crisis Care, a project to improve the very overstretched Locality Teams in CPFT (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust) and the introduction of a community rehabilitation service for people with severe mental illness. We are also involved in reviews of home care and day opportunities for older people. People who have used such services have plenty to say about the gaps and how improvements can be made in these areas. It is our job to make sure they are heard.