



Board of Directors

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

As chair I continue to do what I can to advertise what we provide in The SUN Network and to make sure we are part of all the relevant work programmes which aim to improve the quality of mental health and substance misuse services. Yesterday for example both Lois and I were part of a high-level Integrated Care System-led workshop to help develop the best possible outcomes measures for population health across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This covered all areas of health care, and we did what we could to get across the message that "it's not good unless it's experienced as good."

Being present as an equal is only part of what we need to do to be effective in our work with other agencies, of course. Whilst co-production is now accepted as the right way to improve services, we still need more examples of what can be achieved. This will always be a key part of The SUN Network's mission, I think.

In the past quarter we have been negotiating a new contract with commissioners which will give us clarity both about our financial situation and about key performance indicators.

Finally, I can confirm that I will be standing down as Chair at some point before 1st April 2024. I have had six years in the role starting with our establishment as an independent Community Interest Company in April 2018, and the time seems right for a change. The work to find a new Chair has begun.