

## The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust held on 28th September 2022 at 9:15 am Via MS Teams

#### Attendees:

Prof. Steve Field CBE	Chairman
Prof. Ann-Marie Cannaby	Chief Nurse
Mr R Dunshea	Non-Executive Director
Mr S Evans	Chief Strategy Officer
Mr J Hemans	Non-Executive Director
Prof. D Loughton CBE	Chief Executive
Dr B McKaig	Chief Medical Officer
Mr K Stringer	Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Executive
Mr J Dunn	Non-Executive Director
Mr M Levermore	Associate Non-Executive Director
Ms A Heseltine	Associate Non-Executive Director
Ms S Evans	Group Director of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement
Ms S Rawlings	Associate Non-Executive Director
Dr B McKaig	Chief Medical Officer
Mr J Green	NHS Black Country and West Birmingham CCG
Mr M Greene	Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Ms G Nuttall	Chief Operating Officer
Ms S Banga	Operations Coordinator Group Company Secretary
Ms M Zajac	Senior Administrator
Ms J Jones	Associate Non-Executive Director
Ms G Nightingale	RWT
Ms G Anglin	RWT
Ms S Anwar-Bassey	RWT
Ms J Baker	RWT
Ms K Barrett	RWT
Ms M Bhardwaj	RWT
Ms J Blackham	RWT
Ms M Chana	RWT
Mr S Cornaby	RWT
Ms C Davis	RWT
Ms A Downward	RWT
Ms C Dyke	RWT
Mr K Ellis	RWT
Mr J Evans	RWT
Ms J Forrest	RWT
Mr A Gautham	RWT
Ms L Gibbons	RWT
Ms S Glover	RWT
Ms A Hardwick	RWT
Ms C Harrison	RWT
Ms C Higgins	RWT

Ms A Hill	RWT
Mr G Hind	RWT
Ms H Jackson	RWT
Mr J Lampitt	RWT
Ms G Langston	RWT
Ms J Lawrence	RWT
Ms A Lepley	RWT
Mr M Livingston	RWT
Ms A Lloyd-Lavender	RWT
Ms G Mahay	RWT
Ms S Massey	RWT
Ms J Mazey	RWT
Ms T Mcalpine	RWT
Mr R McMahan	RWT
Ms E Mobberley	RWT
Ms L Morrison	RWT
Mr R Mushet	RWT
Ms B Netke	RWT
Ms A Ng	RWT
Ms L Nickell	RWT
Mr D Okonofua	RWT
Mr T Olu-Adeniran	RWT
Ms L Omotoso	RWT
Ms D Patel	RWT
Ms S Phillips	RWT
Ms S Poulter	RWT
Ms N Raza	RWT
Ms K Rice	RWT
Mr D Russell	RWT
Ms L Sammons	RWT
Mr S Simper	RWT
Ms E Smith	RWT
Ms J Sproson	RWT
Ms D Stephens	RWT
Ms A Sykes	RWT
Ms B Taylor	RWT
Ms A Tolley	RWT
Ms J Toor	WHT
Ms L Tracey	RWT
Mr G Whitehouse	RWT
Ms A Winwood	RWT

**AGM200: Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Prof Steve Field welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked those for attending. Apologies were noted from Ms Hickman and Dr Odum

**AGM201: Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual General Meeting of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust held on 8 September 2021**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust held on 8 September 2021 be approved as a correct record.

### **AGM202: Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust held on 8 September 2021**

Prof. Field confirmed there were no matters arising from the minutes of the 8 September 2021 AGM.

### **AGM203: Declarations of Interest from Directors and Officers**

Prof. Field confirmed that no further declarations of interest had been received. He reminded attendees that the Declarations of Interest of all Board Members were available on the Trust Web Site and in the papers for each Board meeting throughout the year.

### **AGM204: Review of the year and the Annual Report 2021/22**

Prof. Loughton highlighted the positive news that the Trust had received a new black manikin for clinical practice to join the excellent facilities at the Trust. He said the Trust had also delivered an Outreach Liver Nurse Service which had been positive for drug users and other vulnerable people. He said the organisation had another Computerised Tomography (CT) scanner to assist with diagnostics. He highlighted the increase of numbers of staff assisting mental health and wellbeing due to the increase of mental health problems which were seen particularly with young people due to Covid-19. He highlighted the Trust had more equipment to deal with cancer patients. He said due to Covid-19 patients presented later with cancer and more advanced cancer therefore it was taking longer to treat cancer patients. He said one of the areas the Trust had difficulties with was urology. He said the Trust had benefited with another robot. He also highlighted the expansion of the Community Nursing Team who were now providing 24/7 support to patients. He highlighted Cannock Chase Hospital performed same day hip replacements. He also mentioned the positive news on the funding of the Solar Farm and it was anticipated the Solar Farm would be completed by the end of the year, but there had been delays due to shortage of materials. He said Black Country Pathology had been able to recruit histopathologists and more digital systems were being installed which was positive news. He said the Trust was doing cytology for the whole of the West Midlands with assistance of the positive transport service at the Trust. He said the Trust had substantially recruited nursing staff and had to continue to attract people to come and work for the Trust. Prof. Loughton finally thanked the Executive Team and Non-Executive Directors.

### **AGM205: Presentation on the Quality Account 2021/22:**

Dr McKaig highlighted one of the biggest challenges for the NHS was workforce. He mentioned the positivity of the Trust having the Nursing and Clinical Fellowship Program. He said nursing placements had increased with Universities. He also mentioned advanced Allied Health Professionals (AHP) programmes had been developed for advanced clinical practitioners to develop their skills. He highlighted the positive work with the Princes Trust with apprentices. He said Trust had set up extensive support of health and wellbeing for staff. He said the Trust had taken the first cohort of clinical students from Aston Medical School which was positive news. He also mentioned Leadership Development Programs in nursing, medicine and operations had been introduced. He said the Trust needed to be mindful there were still people with positive results of Covid-19 and infection prevention practices were still in place. He said one key priority was deteriorating patient, recognition, treatment and response to those patients. He said a joint sepsis and clinical care outreach team had been established which provided 24/7 cover. He mentioned there was a national issue with inequalities and an inequality group had been established at the Trust. He said mental health was a high area of concern which had been recognised by the Trust

and work was being undertaken to support the Black Country Mental Health Foundation Trust together with the formation of an Acute Trust mental Health team at both RWT and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust (WHT). He said another key inequality was in safeguarding in maternity and an inequalities maternity dashboard had been created together with the appointment of an inequalities midwife, and a midwife around safeguarding. He mentioned patient experience and stakeholder engagement had strengthened over the year. He mentioned 183 volunteers had joined the Trust with a high percentage aged between 16 and 25. He said a youth volunteer coordinator had been appointed to support young volunteers. He finally mentioned positive work being undertaken in collaboration with WHT.

#### **AGM206: Presentation of the Audited Accounts year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

Mr Stringer highlighted annual reports were available on Trust website. He said it had been a challenging year with significant increased pressures due to the Covid-19 pandemic. He said activity issues included the recovery of elective services, pressures in Emergency Department. He said performance had been challenged in particular with the cancer standards due to the increase of referrals.

Mr Stringer said the turnover had increased by 10% to £817m. He said the Trust had achieved all its financial targets, income and expenditure was a surplus of £4.454m which improved the breakeven performance and External Financial limit had been achieved. He said there was also an underspend on the Capital Resource Limit. He said the cash balance was at a strong position of £84.918m. He said the Trust reached a target of 90% of payment to suppliers but there needed to more focus as the expected target to achieve was 95%. Mr Stringer said the accounts was fully audited by KMPG who stated they were a true and fair view of financial performance.

Mr Stringer highlighted the income was £817.2m the biggest being received by the Black Country CCG Wolverhampton. He said the total income for the Black Country Pathology services was £74m. He mentioned the Trust spent £813m, the highest of which cost being staffing, the biggest group being Medical and Nursing staff.

Mr Stringer said there was £29m of capital resource limit, he also mentioned the Trust had received some public sector decarbonised funds to assist with investment in the Solar Farm. He said a challenge in the organisation was to ensure the Estate was as fit as possible and maintenance was a key area of investment. He went through the capital expenditure. He highlighted 2022/2023 year would also be a challenging year due to the reduction of Covid-19 cost funding. He said there was a challenge due to the backlog of waiting lists and elective activity. He finally mentioned the impact of inflation was also impacting on the health service.

#### **AGM207: Questions received from the Public and other stakeholders**

Mr Wilshere confirmed no questions had been received.

#### **AGM208: Close of meeting**

Prof Field thanked all those present for attending the meeting. He felt RWT was an outstanding Trust in that it innovated how staff were supported, provided research programmes and had robotic surgery. He also mentioned the Trust needed to continually improve and Quality Improvement Programmes was key to achieve this. He expressed appreciation for the work of Trust Directors, employees, and volunteers during the past year.