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A highlight of the month has been the opening of the Brownsword Therapies building by HRH the Duchess of Cornwall on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Recruitment of New CEO

As might be expected, a great deal of my time in the last few weeks has been spent in the work preparatory for recruiting a new CEO including bringing together people's views of the challenges we face and the type of person best able to meet them, consulting others who have recently completed the same exercise, drawing up briefs for head-hunter tenders and interviewing head-hunters. One, Saxton Bampfylde, is now chosen.

### External

I attended the NHS Providers conference in Manchester for two days and the Health Finance Managers Association conference in London.

I also attended two constituency meetings in Frome and Trowbridge.

I visited Healthwatch Wiltshire to discuss ways in which we could work more closely.

I met with colleagues from Avon and Wilts Partnership Mental Health Trust and BaNES CCG. I also participated in the Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing Board, meetings of the Acute Hospital Alliance and the Wiltshire Health and Care Oversight Board.

### Operations

I attended the Patient Safety Conference organised within the hospital and made a video presentation for the first Regional Freedom to Speak Up Guardians' conference, which I was unable to attend.

I attended the RUH Strategic Assurance Committee

I interviewed all the consultant candidates and chaired two interviews.

**Alison Ryan**  
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