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Recruitment of New CEO

This challenge has dominated during the last month. Long and shortlisting has happened, introductory meetings with the shortlisted candidates alongside visits to the hospital have taken place, and, based on the points discovered or raised during the listing process, a set of challenges and questions for the final candidates has been prepared. The final interviews take place on February 5th.

External

The SW Region Chairs' Network met for the first time for a number of months. We discussed the trends in our various hospitals, and it was both encouraging and depressing to realise that we are all under the same pressures and that by and large we are not doing so badly! We talked also about our developing Integrated Care Systems and even in the small region we represented there were very few similarities in the types of structures being adopted and the success or otherwise in implementing them.

I also attended the Acute Hospital Alliance and the Sponsoring Board each operating under the auspices of BSW. I attended a Wiltshire Health and Carer Members' meeting.

I met with the Chairs of NBT and AWP and a potential consultant to look at novel ways of increasing diversity within our organisations. I also met with representatives of the Community Council for Somerset and Carers Wiltshire to look at ways we could improve liaison with the hospital and the support to potential patients, or former patients, at home. I also met with the CEO of Virgin in BaNES.

With the CEO I attended the joint BaNES/ University of Bath presentation on joint work on "Our United Future". This looks like a promising initiative to do joint planning in which other "anchor" institutions such as RUH will undoubtedly be involved in the future. Our role as part of the local economy and environment is really important to the City and well-founded opportunities to contribute to our joint sustainable development are to be welcomed.

As Chair of the hospital's Organ Donation Committee I attended a training day in Birmingham. I was very proud to be able to note that our Committee oversees performance which is one of the very best in the country. We never miss potential referrals or deal with them in a less than ideal way. There were however some things to

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learn about representation on that committee and we will be doing some development work in the future.

Internal

The SID and I worked on my future appraisal. The format for this is now laid down by NHSI and it is quite complex. The process will be complete, together with input from a great many stakeholders, in March. I appraised the SID and also Nigel Stevens.

I also attended the Patient and Carer Experience Committee.

The new Lead Governor and I met to discuss ways of moving the governors' role in the Governance of the hospital forward. There will be 6 weekly meetings from now on. I also attended the Governors' Induction Day and the Caring for You Event on Stroke.

I interviewed all the consultant candidates and chaired three interviews.

Alison Ryan

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