



A Message from Cheryl Vardon Board Chair

Board Meeting Summary

Tuesday 24 January 2023

The North West Hospital and Health Board (NWHHB) held its monthly meeting virtually on Tuesday, 24 January 2023. The meeting was chaired by Board Chair Cheryl Vardon and attended by eight (8) members of the Board, Deputy Chair Prof. Eleanor Milligan, Bill Armagnacq, Cath Brokenborough, Linda Ford, Fiona Hill, David Keenan, Jane McMillan and Dr Mellissa Naidoo.

The A/Health Service Chief Executive reported to the Board the operations and activity for North West Hospital and Health Service (NWHHS) for the last month. This included updates on disaster management, Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legislation and service improvement initiatives such as surgical services rotation partnerships.

Other key agenda items discussed included but are not limited to:

- **Strategic Planning** – requirements and progression of future strategic planning
- **Workforce Culture and WHS Due Diligence** – including Psychosocial Code of Practice
- **Medical Workforce Review** – a review regarding a strategic approach to the NWHHS medical workforce
- **Financial Performance** – including efficiencies and implications
- **RHD Recommendations** - an update on Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) recommendation progress

The Board approved the following:

- North West Hospital and Health Service Delegation Manual and Instrument of Delegation

The Board received updates from the Board Committees, including:

- Safety, Quality and Clinician Engagement Committee (Chaired by Prof. Eleanor Milligan)
- Audit and Risk Committee (Chaired by Dr. Marco Giuseppin)
- Finance and Performance Committee (Chaired by Bill Armagnacq)
- Executive Committee (Chaired by Board Chair, Cheryl Vardon)

The Board and Executive Leadership Team will undertake a range of actions following the meeting to progress our commitment to safe and high-quality healthcare.

This summary of key issues discussed, and decisions made is approved for publishing by the Chair of the North West Hospital and Health Board and does not form or represent any part of the minutes of the meeting.