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Trust Chair's Report

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This paper is presented to provide a brief update on key matters on behalf of the Trust Chair in the event of his absence from the March meeting of the Trust Board.

2. Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

- 2.1. At a meeting on 15 February the Council of Governors approved the appointment of Professor Meghana Pandit as the permanent Chief Executive Officer of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust with effect from 1 March 2023.
- 2.2. This appointment followed a rigorous and competitive process which included an extensive national and international recruitment campaign undertaken by the Trust, culminating in a values-based assessment (VBA) interview, stakeholder group, and panel interview on Monday 13 February.
- 2.3. The interview panel was chaired by the Trust Chair and also included two Non-Executive Directors, the Trust's Lead Governor, the Chair of the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB) and the Regional Director for NHS England's South East region.
- 2.4. Members of the interview panel unanimously agreed that Professor Pandit was the preferred candidate for appointment. She takes on the role of Chief Executive Officer on a permanent basis following a previous appointment to the post on a fixed term basis in July 2022.

3. Recruitment of Non-Executive Directors

- 3.1. Two current non-executive directors are due to reach the end of their terms of office during 2023 and a recruitment is therefore underway for two non-executive directors to join the Board.
- 3.2. An extensive search has been undertaken and selection will be based on a values-based interview, stakeholder group and panel interview. To maintain the required expertise on the Board, this campaign has had a particular focus on individuals with expertise and experience in finance.
- 3.3. A final recommendation will be made to the Council of Governors and it is hoped that appointments to these roles will be announced shortly.

4. Revised Strategic Partnership Board Arrangements

- 4.1. At its meeting on 9 February the Strategic Partnership Board (SPB) of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the University of Oxford endorsed proposals to clarify its role in joint working arrangements between the two organisations.
- 4.2. It was agreed that SPB's main purpose should be to agree an annual set of objectives related to joint working and to review the agreed objectives during the year.
- 4.3. SPB agreed that two individuals (one from each partner) should be identified to own each objective and that any difficult issues should be resolved by the Joint Executive Group wherever possible.

5. Integrated Care Partnership

- 5.1. The Trust Chair represents acute providers on the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire & Berkshire West Integrated Care Partnership (ICP).
- 5.2. The ICP met on [1 March](#) and approved the ICP Strategy. Discussions at the meeting included the creation of an ICP assembly to support delivery plans.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1. The Trust Board is asked to:
 - **note** this report from the Trust Chair.