

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 30 September 2014, 4.30pm

Present – Board Members

Harry Holden, Chairman
Kate Fallon, Chief Executive
Karen Bliss, Non-Executive Director
Colin Scales, Chief Operating Officer
Mike Treharne, Executive Director of Finance, Performance and Information
Dorothy Whitaker, Non-Executive Director
Dot Keates, Interim Executive Nurse
Sally Yeoman, Non-Executive Director
Steve Ward, Medical Director
Bob Saunders, Non-Executive Director

1) Apologies for Absence

Sue Musson, Non-Executive Director
Steve Cash, Non-Executive Director

2) Welcome and Introduction by the Chairman

Harry Holden welcomed all to this year's Annual General Meeting and gave his opening remarks.

3) Presentation of the Annual Report for 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014

Dr Kate Fallon gave a presentation to the meeting encapsulating Bridgewater's progress and achievements over the past year.

4) Presentation of the Audited Accounts for the Year ending 31 March 2014

Mike Treharne gave a presentation to the meeting summarising Bridgewater's financial position over the past year.

5) Presentation of the Quality Account for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014

Dr Stephen Ward and Dot Keates presented the Quality Account for the past year.

6) Presentation on Some of Our Successes from 2013/14

Colin Scales introduced the following:

- Christina Heaton, Nurse Consultant, who presented on the Wigan Falls Service.
- Lesley Timperley, Community Learning Disability Nurse, who gave a presentation on the Learning Disability Hospital Liaison.
- Alison Pearson, Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist who gave a presentation on Positive Outcomes for Young People with Autism and Related Difficulties.

7) Presentation by Governors on Activities in 2013/14 and plans for 2014/15

Rita Chapman, Public Governor, Mick Taylor, Partner Governor and John Prince, Public Governor and Lead Governor (Designate), gave a presentation about the work of the Trust's Shadow Council of Governors over the last year and plans for the next year.

8) Questions from the Floor

A question was asked around how the public could find out about the services provided by Bridgewater. A member of the public stated that their GP was not familiar with the services provided and did not have any details such as a brochure when asked.

Kate Fallon responded that the services provided by the Trust were still the same as those provided when the old PCTs were in existence. The Trust had been discussing ways to make the public more aware of the Bridgewater brand and a directory of services was made readily available to all GPs. Kate advised that she was concerned that a GP had no details to provide and stated that she would ensure information was made available to all GPs and investigate the lack of brochures within practices.

In response to a query from a member of the public, Christina Heaton confirmed that the falls assessments looked at all potential causes of falls, which would include blackouts and dizziness.

In response to a question, Kate Fallon confirmed that the CQC inspection was undertaken over several weeks. An inspection team was based with the Trust for four days, working 12 hours per day. There were also a number of unannounced visits to services across the Trust. The report took approximately eight weeks to be compiled.

A question was asked around how integrated social care support is with the current health agenda. Kate Fallon commented that there was now a two tier system which was means tested. All Local Authorities were experiencing financial constraints in the current climate. Integrated teams were now “wrapped around” GP practices and working towards co-management. Changes to this agenda would be taking place as a result of the Better Care Fund, where arrangements for joint working would be considered, looking at old Section 75 arrangements as a guide.

9) Any Other Business by Prior Agreement with the Chairman

No further business raised.

10) Chairman to close the meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked all for their attendance.