

BOARD MEETING

Title	Chair's Report		
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Executive Summary

This report aims to provide an update for the Board on the engagement and work undertaken by the Chair of BOB ICB. The Chair plays a key role within the Integrated Care System alongside the CEO. This update is intended to be more systems-focused as opposed to the Integrated Care Board (ICB) alone. The report will incorporate reflections on Board effectiveness and any major updates on ICB and systems' governance.

Action Required

The board is asked to note this update.

Conflicts of Interest:	Conflict noted: conflicted party can remain and participate in discussion.
<p>This report contains information relating to organisations that partner members of the Board lead/are employed by. The perspective of these members is an important aspect to enable the Board to focus on where the ICB and system contribute to improvement.</p>	

Chair's Report

ICB Updates

1. Dr Nick Broughton has been appointed as permanent Chief Executive for the BOB ICB. We are delighted that this process is now complete after some delay due to the General Election. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank Nick for his commitment as Interim over the last year. He now has a mandate to push on with the work he has already put in train. Please see the [press release here](#).
2. Rachael de Caux, Chief Medical Officer, will be leaving the ICB in November for a new role as CEO of Thames Hospice. This is a huge loss to the ICB and a significant gain for Thames Hospice. I would like to formally thank Rachael on behalf of the Board for her outstanding contribution to this System over the last 2 years. As Deputy CEO Rachael stepped up on numerous occasions and managed to balance her own portfolio through her team with her other leadership and clinical duties. Rachael has been a dedicated and committed member of the ICB Executive and she shall be missed. We wish her great success in her new role.
3. The challenging financial position has meant that the System is heavily focussed on financial recovery within the ICB and providers. This has meant intense and frequent meetings with our provider Chairs and the CEOs.

Convening and Engaging

4. The ICB is delighted to congratulate our system partners and colleagues who have been selected as finalists for the 2024 HSJ awards. We have been recognised as finalists under the following award categories, with further details found [here](#).
 - Data Driven Transformation Award: Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust – Lipid Optimising Programme.
 - Patient Safety Award: Royal Berkshire Foundation Trust – MIND THE GAP – a multidisciplinary project to reduce the incidence of Hospital Acquired Pneumonia on the Elderly care wards.
 - Place-based Partnership and Integrated Care Award: BOB ICB on behalf of Oxfordshire Place-based partnership – Oxfordshire Health and Homeless Inclusion Team.
 - Place-based Partnership and Integrated Care Award: BOB ICB on behalf of Oxfordshire Place-based partnership – working in partnership to create a whole system approach for physical activity in Oxfordshire.
 - Staff Wellbeing Award: Royal Berkshire Foundation Trust – Oasis staff Health and Wellbeing Campus.
 - Trust of the Year: Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust.
5. The ICP Board will hold its first meeting in October with a new Chair and Deputy. Nominations have been received for these positions and candidates will be voted in at the next meeting. Work is under way to reset and refresh the agenda through engagement with all stakeholders to seek feedback and perspective. It is noted that in May 2025 local elections will take place that might mean changes in local political leadership.
6. Rob Bowen (Deputy Director of Strategy & Partnerships, BOB ICB) will be managing the ICP Secretariat going forwards, following the retirement of Catherine Mountford, former Director of Governance at BOB ICB. The system notes its thanks to Catherine and to former Cllr Jason Brock (former ICP Chair and Reading Council Leader) for leading the ICP from its formation to the current date.
7. I will be meeting with the GP Leaders Group this month to update on all matters, including the work-to-rule action announced by the BMA.

System Governance

8. The recent riots in July and August were shocking to everyone. The ICB along with of our providers released statements of assurance, condemning the racist behaviour and intolerance, whilst recognising the fear and trepidation this caused especially for our global majority staff. I would like to recognise the positive role played by the ICB staff networks and forums who provided safe spaces and support. I thank all of the Chairs and Co-Chairs of these forums for organising and energising their collectives. Civility and Inclusion remain key tenets for the system and broader NHS.