

**TRUST BOARD
 SUBMISSION TEMPLATE**

MEETING	Trust Board - Public	Ref No. P22/2024
DIRECTOR	Mrs Bernie Owens	Date: 27 March 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acting Chief Executive Report 		
Purpose	<i>Attached paper for noting and questions</i>	
Corporate Objective	<i>All</i>	
Key areas for consideration	<i>All</i>	
Recommendations	<i>That the Board consider the report and raise any questions which they may have with the Acting Chief Executive.</i>	

Acting Chief Executive Report – 27 March 2024 (report prepared on 15 March 2024)

We as a Trust continue to experience challenges on a daily basis, as we together seek to provide the best possible care we can to our patients, service users and their families.

I am delighted that in my first written report to the Board as Acting Chief Executive I am able to note the return of an Executive at Stormont, and the return of Mr Robin Swann as Health Minister. Minister Swann visited us at the Trust only days following his return to office, while I also attended the Health Committee along with the Chief Executives from the other Trusts. It is my hope that as a system we will now be able to progress much needed transformation and change.

I am grateful in particular that there now has been a pay award offered to those staff on the Agenda for Change paycales.

Just last week we managed the industrial action taken by junior doctors. We recognise that our junior doctors work under huge pressures and have a desire to see real change. They are a valued body of staff and I know that no colleague took strike action lightly. I do hope that progress can be made to address the various concerns of junior doctors. I wrote to staff immediately following the industrial action to acknowledge the significant work which had been carried out in the weeks leading up to the strike to ensure we maintained a safe service for those acutely unwell patients who need us most. I repeat my thanks and gratitude here to everyone across a large number of services – including medical, clinical, nursing, and administrative staff, along with many others - who worked to maintain a safe level of care.

All staff continue to work under the most extraordinary pressures. I know that the Trust Board will wish to join with me in putting on record our sincere thanks to all our staff.

We will hear later in the meeting, an update on the plans for the implementation of encompass. The scale of the planning work involved is unprecedented, and I am indebted to colleagues for the enthusiasm and expertise which they bring to the challenge. With 83 days left to Go live on 6 June 2024, we still have much work to complete, but I am confident that we as an organisation are well prepared.

I am conscious that this is my first written report to the Trust Board as Acting Chief Executive. I would wish to take the opportunity to thank the Chairman, the Trust Board, and the Executive Team for the support which you have provided to me. Dr Jack is making steady progress with her recovery from injury, and I trust it will not be too much longer before she will be back with us.

I look forward to addressing any queries which my colleagues on Trust Board have, either before the meeting on 27 March or at the Board meeting itself.