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BOARD DEVELOPMENT SESSION REPORT

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Action required	The Board is asked to note the report.
Key points	This paper provides information on the most recent Board Development session held on 27 October 2021.
Timing	Board Development sessions are held bi-monthly and a report is provided to the next public Board meeting on the main items discussed.

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REPORT FROM BOARD DEVELOPMENT SESSION

TOM STEELE, CHAIR

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

Board Development sessions are held bi-monthly and provide an opportunity for Board members to consider issues in detail and improve members' understanding and knowledge of what are often complex subjects. The format of the sessions usually consists of a presentation or briefing from Executive Directors and managers leading the area of work, or staff involved in the work, followed by discussion and questions from members or a workshop focused on areas for board development.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND

Board Development sessions are not decision making meetings. The Board's Code of Corporate Governance sets out the decision making process which is observed. The sessions do however assist the decision making process through in depth exploration and analysis of an issue which may be the subject of a formal board decision. They also provide an opportunity for updates on ongoing strategic matters.

SECTION 3: DISCUSSION

The Board Development session on 27 October 2021 was held virtually by MS Teams.

At this session, Board members received an update on the sustained health and care system pressures and the actions being taken by the Service to relieve these pressures. The 3 key areas of focus were on workforce capacity, operational capacity and managing demand.

Other matters discussed were an update on the Service's Demand and Capacity Phase 3 business case, the Service's draft response to the National Care Service Consultation and the Service's Draft Mental Health Strategy which would be presented to the Clinical Governance Committee on 15 November, before approval by the Board on 24 November.

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