

Update on the partnership between the North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust and the Royal Free London Group

Governance:

On 1st April Caroline Clarke, Group Chief Executive of the Royal Free London became the Accountable Officer of the North Mid Hospital, with interim CEO Dr Andy Heeps dually reporting to Caroline and Cedi Frederick, Chair of NMUH.

Caroline will hold two Accountable Officer roles, and the NMUH will not be part of the Royal Free Group, but will continue to remain a statutory, independent NHS organisation with its own Board. Dr Nnenna Osuji, will be joining the Trust in July 2021 as the substantive CEO.

A partnership Board has been established as a 'Committee in Common' which is a sub-committee of both Trust Boards, chaired by the respective Chairs on rotation and the inaugural meeting has been arranged for July 2021. Supporting this is a monthly Partnership Executive meeting which is jointly chaired by Caroline Clarke and Andy Heeps.

Progress to Date:

On 28th April we held the first Board to Board meeting, jointly chaired by Mark Lam and Cedi Frederick, which was an initial introduction meeting for the respective Non-Executive Directors to introduce each other, and for a brief reminder of the partnership benefits initially agreed. This meeting will be an informal meeting, which will take place on a quarterly basis to facilitate shared learning between the two organisations.

The first meeting of the Partnership Executive took place on 30th April which agreed the next steps regarding the first four benefit areas.

