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Dear Colleague,

Re: Board changes at Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust

A number of key developments and changes are taking place at Board level within Pennine Care.

Following the announcement made in December, we can now confirm Michael McCourt's last working day will be 28 February 2017. Michael is taking up a new role with Central Manchester Foundation Trust as the interim Chief Executive of the Manchester Provider Board. He will oversee the Board's response to deliver new models of care within the city.

The Board of Pennine Care would like to thank Michael for his leadership and commitment over the last three years as Chief Executive and 16 year career with the Trust. He has been instrumental in ensuring our continued success and sustainability. We wish him every success in his new role and are sure he will continue to positively influence the future of health and social care services across Greater Manchester.

Interim arrangements

The executive team will continue to ensure the efficient and effective running of the Trust through the following interim arrangements, effective from 1 March 2017:

- Martin Roe, current Executive Director of Finance/Deputy Chief Executive, will become Acting Chief Executive.
- Dr Henry Ticehurst, Medical Director, will also become Acting Deputy Chief Executive
- Emma Tilston, current Deputy Director of Finance will become Acting Executive Director of Finance

Current priorities include implementing improvements following the CQC inspection, moving forward with the five-year Strategic Plan, continuing to have a lead role in the Greater Manchester health and social care developments and above all enabling services to deliver high quality care.

The Trust has now appointed a specialist agency to support the recruitment of a permanent Chief Executive. The role will be advertised nationally to attract a high calibre candidate. The selection process will be robust, involving a number of stages including interview, assessment and stakeholder engagement. It is likely to take up to eight months before an appointed candidate will be in post.

There have also been some changes to the composition of Non-Executive Directors due to terms of office coming to an end:

- Robert Ainsworth's nine-year tenure ended in December 2016
- Ian Bevan was appointed in October 2016
- Joan Beresford is now Deputy Chair
- Professor Sandra Jowett is now Senior Independent Director
- Tony Berry will end his six-year term in May 2017

After nine years, John Schofield's tenure as Chair will also come to an end in October 2017. Therefore, the Trust will also undergo a recruitment process to appoint a new Chair, led by the Council of Governors, later in the year.

During his final eight months John will remain focused on appointing a suitable Chief Executive to lead Pennine Care, whilst continuing to oversee the Board through this period of change.

Thank you for your continued support, do get in touch should you have any further queries.

Yours Faithfully,



John Schofield
Chairman



Martin Roe
Executive Director of Finance/Deputy
Chief Executive