

Key messages from the Board

At our Board meeting in March 2019, we discussed many examples of good progress across the partnership, including the anticipated launch of the Joint Research Service and the progress made in Starting Well and Informatics themes.

Chief Executive's Report

The Board noted LHP's progress highlighted in Dr Lawson's report:

- LHP has been focusing on building its core infrastructure. A new Director of Research Infrastructure and Education is soon to be recruited and the Programme Directors have started developing their themes.
- LHP is working on looking for opportunities for funding.
- Dr Lawson is now a member of the Knowledge Quarter Board, increasing LHP's profile within the region.
- Dr Lawson and Dr Charlie Orton recently met with leaders at the NIHR about the refreshed approach in Liverpool.

With a refreshed membership offer, LHP will be actively talking to potential new members across the region.

Starting Well update

Professor Michael Beresford (LHP Programme Director for Starting Well), Colin

Morgan (Deputy Programme Director) and Dr Carianne Hunt (Programme Manager) presented to the Board on progress under the Starting Well theme.

The theme leads are developing strategic relationships with partners, building on the already strong collaborations with LJMU, LSTM and UoL. This includes addressing the needs of NHS colleagues and identifying priorities to take forward. LHP will design a programme that is fully endorsed by all key stakeholders, and for 2019-2020 objectives will include building a proactive and collaborative 'Starting Well' community to identify and define local priorities and, through the theme's priority setting, developing an evidence-informed roadmap for tackling health needs and improving health outcomes.

Liverpool Health Digital, Research and Innovation Partnership

The Board approved the proposal to form the Liverpool Health Digital, Research and Innovation Partnership, bringing all parties with an interest in digital health together to align efforts via LHP. This will be key in positioning Liverpool as a centre for health tech innovation going forward. Those interested in becoming members should send expressions of interest to Louise Shepherd and Professor Tony Marson.

JRS Update and Go Live Plan

The Board received an update on progress around the JRS and congratulated Dr Lawson and Dr Orton on the good progress made by the Joint Research Service Operational Executive Group in the co-creation of the JRS, soon to be branded as Liverpool SPARK (*Single Point of Access for Research and Knowledge*). The JRS will be launched on 1 April 2019.

Next steps for the JRS include:

- Internal go-live event on 1st April to bring staff together.
- LHP offices are undergoing a refit in order to accommodate the JRS. The refit is due to complete within 4-6 weeks and will bring JRS and current LHP staff together into one suite of offices.

- Recruitment to the Head of the JRS post.
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Expressions of interest for an NHS CEO to join LHP Governance Committee

As Aidan Kehoe has now left RLBUHT, the Committee is inviting expressions of interest for a replacement NHS CEO to sit on the Committee. Members who are interested to email Jane Tomkinson please.

Change in Board membership for RLBUHT

The Board welcomed Peter Williams, as Interim CEO of RLBUHT.