

**REPORT TO THE TRUST BOARD: PUBLIC**  
**28 November 2019**

<b>Title</b>	Mental Health Committee 23 September 2019 – Chair’s Report
<b>Committee Chair</b>	Jenny Kay, Committee Chair
<b>Author</b>	Cathy Lilley, Associate Director of Corporate Governance

**Purpose of the report**

To bring to the Board’s attention key issues and assurances discussed at the Mental Health Committee meeting held on 23 September 2019.

**Issues to be brought to Board’s attention**

The following key items and assurances were considered by the Committee at its meeting on 6 June 2019:

- **Counter Fraud Service:** A presentation on the Trust’s counter fraud service included an explanation of the types of fraud, the Bribery Act and what the service looks out for.
- **AHM Appointments & Terminations:** There have been no new appointments and one resignation since the meeting in June 2019. An advert is going out in Bedfordshire and Luton.
- **AHM Reappointment Process:** The Committee approved the revised process which now provides for reappointment after three years.
- **Mental Health Law Department:** The Committee received an update on the changes to improve support to AHMs from the Mental Health Law Department. A new MH Law Manager who will focus on working on the Capacity Act and Liberty Protection (due to come into force during 2020) has been added to the structure.
- **Learning from Experience:** AHMs shared feedback on their experience in the role in particular with regards to cancelled hearings and communications issues.
- **AHM Training Needs:** A training needs analysis will be completed for all AHMs.