

**REPORT TO THE TRUST BOARD – PUBLIC**  
**11 July 2018**

<b>Title</b>	Mental Health Act Committee, 8 June 2018: Chair's Report
<b>Committee Chair</b>	Jenny Kay, Committee Chair

**Purpose of the Report:**

To bring to the Board's attention key issues and assurances discussed at the Mental Health Act Committee on 8 June 2018.

**Issues to be brought to Board's attention:**

The following key items and assurances were considered by the Committee:

- **Associate Hospital Managers (AHMs):** The Committee received an update on resignations and appointments of AHMs.
- **Annual Review of the Terms of Reference:** These were reviewed and are being recommended to the Board for approval.
- **Revised Procedure regarding Power of Discharge:** The Committee received an update on the new procedure.
- **Review of the Mental Health Act 1983:** The Committee received a presentation on the background to the MHA and the current review. AHMs discussed how they could contribute to the consultation process, and agreed that a collective response would be best. It was noted that stigma was an important factor within mental ill-health and treatment, and was felt this should be specifically referenced within a consultation response. **The Committee Chair agreed to raise this with the Trust Chair and Trust Board.**
- **Questions and sharing experiences:** The AHMs shared their experiences and issues from recent hearings. Responses were received from the MHA team, with actions agreed where necessary.