Northumbria Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Trust Board held in Public

10:00am, Thursday 24th September 2026

Boardroom, Health & Care Academy

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	1 Opening matters		
10:00	1.1 Chair's Introduction	Verbal/To receive	Chair
	1.2 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest	Verbal/To approve	
	1.3 Minutes of the previous meeting dated 22nd July 2026	Enc. 1/To approve	
	1.4 Action log & matters arising	Enc. 2/To approve	
	1.5 CEO's update incl. dashboard	Enc. 3/To receive	CEO
10:10	1.6 Chair/CEO Engagement update	Enc. 4/To receive	Chair/CEO
	2 Patient & Staff Experience		
10:20	2.1 Patient & Staff Stories	Enc. 5/To receive	J Mackintosh
	2.2 Patient & Staff Experience report	Enc. 6/To receive	J Mackintosh
10:35	2.3 Board Walkabouts		
	2.3.1 Berwick Infirmary - 3rd September 2026	Enc. 7a/To receive	R Dale
	2.3.2 Wheelchair Services - 10th September 2026	Enc. 7b/To receive	R Connorton
	3 Performance & Strategy		
10:50	3.1 Business Unit update - Medicine & Emergency Care	Enc. 8/To receive	J Hughes
11:05	3.2 Winter Plan - Board Assurance Statement	Enc. 9/To approve	J Hughes
11:15	3.3 People & Organisational Development Dashboard	Enc. 10/To receive	K Thompson
	3.3.1 Staff Flu Vaccination Plan - update	Verbal/To receive	
	4 Annual Reports		
11:30	4.1 Responsible Officers Annual Report	Enc. 11/To receive	J Rushmer
11:40	4.2 Community Promise Annual Report	Enc. 12/To receive	W Daley
11:55	5 Governance		
	5.1 External Well-Led Review - findings report	Enc. 13/To receive	Grant Thornton
	5.2 Cycle of Business	Enc. 14/To approve	L Olsson
	5.3 Board Assurance Framework	Enc. 15/to receive	C Jenkins
12:10	6 Items for escalation from the Board Committees		
	6.1 Nursing and Midwifery Assurance report	Enc. 16/To receive	M Dickson
	6.2 Allied Health Professionals Assurance report	Enc. 17/To receive	M Dickson
	6.3 Learning from Deaths (Q1)	Enc. 18/To receive	J Rushmer
	6.4 Performance report (Month 5)	Enc. 19/To receive	C Jenkins
	6.5 Corporate Financial Compliance report (Month 5)	Enc. 20/To receive	P Dunn
12:25	7 Any other business		Chair
	7.1 Agenda for the next meeting dated 26th November 2026	Enc. 21/To approve	
	7.2 Review of the meeting	Verbal/To discuss	
	7.3 Questions from the Public	Verbal/To receive	
12:30	8 MEETING CLOSE		

Trust Board of Directors' Meeting – Held in Public
10:00am, Wednesday 22nd July 2026
Cobalt Conference Centre

Present:

Sir Paul Ennals	Trust Chair
Ruth Connorton	Vice Chair
Maria Clement	Non -Executive Director
Richard Dale	Non-Executive Director
Phil Lobb	Non-Executive Director (part attendance)
Steve McKinlay	Non-Executive Director
Sarat Pediredla	Non-Executive Director
Margaret Rowe	Non-Executive Director
Birju Bartoli	Chief Executive Officer
Kate Thompson	Executive Director of People and Organisational Development
Jeremy Rushmer	Executive Medical Director
Alistair Blair	Executive Medical Director
Hannah Powell	Executive Director of Operations for Medicine and Emergency Care and Community Services
Marion Dickson	Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals and Executive Director of Operations for Surgery, Child Health, Clinical Support & Cancer Services

In attendance:

Chris Jenkins	Director of Performance and Governance
Ross Wigham	Director of Communications
Jo Mackintosh	Chief Experience Officer
Veronica Stonor	Chair, Northumbria Healthcare Facilities Management Ltd
Katie Stevens	Chair, Northumbria Primary Cary Ltd (via MS Teams)
Laura Olsson	Company Secretary
Amanda Newton	Business Support Administrator, Company Secretariat

Presenters:

Katy Lissaman	Head of Midwifery (agenda items 2.1 – 2.3 inclusive)
Patrick Price	Equity & Inclusion Lead (agenda item 2.7)
Mike Vincent	Consultant, Guardian of Safe Working (agenda item 2.8)
Nicole Contogiorgi	Head of Occupational Health (agenda item 2.9)
Jo Hughes	Business Unit Deputy Director, Medicine and Emergency Care Business Unit (agenda item 3.1)
Beth Godwin	Deputy Director, Medicine and Emergency Care Business Unit (agenda item 3.1)
Damon Kent	Managing Director, Northumbria Healthcare Facilities Management Ltd, Director of Estates & Facilities (Honorary Contract) (agenda items 4.1 and 4.2 inclusive)
Stephen Thompson	Health & Safety Manager (agenda items 4.1 and 4.2 inclusive)
David Jefferson	Fire Safety Manager (agenda items 4.1 and 4.2 inclusive)

Observers:

Peter Saunders	Managing Director (Healthcare), Grant Thornton
Andy J Nichols	Senior Manager, Grant Thornton