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Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) and Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT) to share a chief executive

- Angela Hillery, chief executive of Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT) to become shared chief executive across NHFT and Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT)
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- Dr Peter Miller, current Chief Executive of LPT, announced his retirement earlier this year.
- Angela Hillery will continue in her role as NHFT Chief Executive, sharing time between the Trusts.

Angela Hillery, chief executive of Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT), has been asked to undertake role of chief executive of Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT), taking a shared role as the chief executive of both trusts.

In February 2019, LPT was rated overall as 'Requires Improvement' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), including an 'Inadequate' rating for the Well-Led domain. At this time LPT received a package of support from NHS Improvement, including a buddy relationship with neighbouring 'Outstanding' mental health and community trust, NHFT. Angela's appointment is an extension of this buddy relationship.

Angela Hillery said; "This is an innovative opportunity to share, learn together and continue to make a positive difference for the people we serve.

"Undoubtedly LPT have been on a journey as they focus on improving care, areas of development and building on their areas of good practice such as innovation and compassionate patient care. I look forward to working with the team at LPT on the

next steps of this journey, with a continued focus on the health and wellbeing of those who we provide services to and the colleagues who work as part of the team.

“My commitment to NHFT absolutely does not change. Our journey is ongoing and will continue to be one we take together with each and every one of the team at NHFT playing a vital part. In every decision I make in my role as chief executive I consider the outcomes, wellbeing and needs of everyone involved in NHFT. I will bring this same focus and commitment into this new shared role.”

Cathy Ellis, chair of LPT, said: “I am very pleased that Angela Hillery and NHFT have agreed to a shared Chief Executive role. I believe that Angela’s expertise and leadership, brings a timely and high quality response to the chief executive vacancy which will focus on the turnaround and recovery of LPT.

“Following our recent CQC inspection, it was identified that LPT would particularly benefit from strengthening our leadership and governance arrangements. Angela comes with an impressive track record and this appointment is a positive step in our improvement journey.

“To be clear, this is not a precursor to a merger between our Trusts, but a focus on improving care for patients and service users, to which Angela brings significant and relevant experience. LPT and NHFT follow in the footsteps of several other Trusts in the country who have a shared chief executive, including three trusts in South Warwickshire, three trusts in Essex, and Colchester and Ipswich.

“I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our current chief executive, Dr Peter Miller, for his values-based leadership of LPT over the last five years. I wish him all the very best in his retirement.”

Crishni Waring, chair of NHFT, said: “We welcome the opportunity to work closely with our neighbours in Leicestershire and believe this will be of benefit to patients, service users and carers across the area. Angela is a dedicated leader with a strong background in clinical care, equality and the co-production of services; I am pleased that we will continue to benefit from her leadership and experience alongside LPT.”

A spokesperson for NHS England and NHS Improvement, said: “We welcome the appointment of Angela to the role of shared chief executive. We believe Angela brings the track record and dedication to support both LPT and NHFT in the next steps of their journey.”

Angela Hillery has worked in the NHS for over 30 years. She has held a variety of leadership positions during this time and has been chief executive of NHFT since 2013. Angela has a clinical background as a speech and language therapist and has served on the national management board of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapy. During her time as chief executive, NHFT has gone from a ‘Requires Improvement’ CQC rating to an ‘Outstanding’ rating within two years, and she was named in the HSJ top 50 NHS chief executives in the country in 2018 and 2019. NHFT also won the HSJ Trust of the Year in 2018 and have been recognised nationally for their focus on equality and inclusion.

Since late 2017 Angela has been working in a shared role as NHFT chief executive and the system lead for the Northamptonshire Health and Care Partnership (NHCP). Due to her new appointment Angela will step away from the NHCP lead role. Angela will remain a key part of the partnership as a member of the NHCP Board alongside her new role as chief executive of LPT, sharing her expertise with the Better Care Together partnership across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. **Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT)** provides community health, mental health and learning disabilities services for the one million people living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. We have a budget in excess of £275 million and employ approximately 5,500 staff. For more information visit: www.leicspart.nhs.uk

2. **Raising Health** is our registered charity (number 1057361) which raises funds to support LPT's excellent care initiatives, equipment and innovations which go above and beyond core NHS provision, to enhance the experience of our patients, service users and staff.

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