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UEB/2018/0611/02

Notes

University Executive Board

Date: 16 October 2018

Present: Professor G Valentine (GV) (in the Chair),
Mrs H J Dingle (HJD), Professor John Derrick (JD), Mr A Dodman (AD),
Professor S Fitzmaurice (SF), Professor M J Hounslow (MJH),
Professor W Morgan (WM), Professor Dame Pamela J Shaw (PJS), Mr R Sykes
(RS), Professor Craig Watkins (CW)

In attendance: Dr T Strike (TS); Mr Ian Wright (IW) (item 1);
Ms Susan Bridgeford (SB) (item 2)

Apologies: Professor D Petley (DP)

Secretary: Mr N Button (NB)

1. Closed Minute and Paper

2. Update on the development and delivery of the Student Mental Health Strategy (UEB/2018/1610/02)

(Ms Susan Bridgeford in attendance for this item)

- 2.1 UEB received an update on the development and delivery of the Student Mental Health Strategy, which had been agreed by UEB in 2017. Attention was drawn to the following:
- The success of the Student Access to MH Support (SAMHS): awareness was high among student and staff population, there was an increase in initial appointments attended, and the waiting time targets had been met.
 - Work was ongoing to address the number of PGR students identifying with MH issues, recognising the unique needs of this cohort.
 - In line with sector guidance, there was a recognition that MH was responsibility of all staff. Work was ongoing, therefore, to ensure some level of training was undertaken by all staff, in line with the requirements of their position.
 - One of the key aims of the strategy was to have an “informed and open community”, with specific work around awareness-raising of MH.
 - There was a need for a comprehensive offer of support services in order to reduce pressure on clinical services.
 - A Suicide Mitigation policy was under development which was drawing on existing good practice and in line with the recent UUK / Papyrus guidance to include prevention, intervention, and postvention strategies. The work was also in line with the recent interventions by the Universities Minister and the Government’s University Mental Health Charter.

- 2.2 During discussion, UEB noted the following:

- The practicality of delivering MH training to all staff would mean that some of the training would have to be delivered online.
- For the majority of staff, training would involve recognising and signposting MH issues, and not providing personal support.
- The work on the Suicide Mitigation policy was reassuring.

2.3 UEB agreed the following:

- (a) There should be a clear plan for triaging and delivery of MH training to all staff in the University.
- (b) A Working Group would be established to deliver plans for awareness raising, providing both targeted and general publicity.
- (c) A Working Group would be established regarding the student well-being strategic aim, with an appropriate membership and Chair.

3. Round Table

- (a) Hospital Trust and University lease agreement: PS reported that work was continuing in securing final line-off for the lease. A meeting between Estates Teams to discuss their working relationship was planned for November.
- (b) Opening of new research facilities: MJH reported on the successful opening of three Engineering research facilities, which was attended by the Northern Powerhouse Minister and the Mayor of the Sheffield City Region.
- (c) Open Day: WM reminded UEB members that there would be a University open day on Saturday 20 October.