

DAY CONFERENCE : Tuesday 25 June 2019

Introduction by Chairman of the Trustees Margaret Moffat

Welcome to Birmingham and welcome to this day conference where we have gathered Trustees, National council and staff to agree collectively where we go from here. You will all be aware of a considerable amount of work that has been undertaken by Chris Kitchin and the other members of the Planning for the Future working group, comprising John Toman, Ros Lobo and Paul Farenden.

There is no doubt that we are now at a crossroads, membership numbers have been falling we are not attracting newly retired and despite our best efforts over a considerable amount of time we do not have a high profile within the NHS. I expect that by the end of today we will have drafted a comprehensive action plan, detailing who needs to do what by when and how. It is important that when we attend the AGM in Coventry (not far from here) we will have made significant progress.

We are where we are! - we can't change the past but we can influence the future.

When we divide into groups we need to focus on the question and not dwell on what we haven't done or achieved in the past. We are not excluding anything that can enhance the profile for the future and we are looking for ideas, suggestions and commitment to action from everyone. (Those not able to be here will be expected to sign up to the collective agreement).

I am sure this will be a fascinating and stimulating day and again I thank you for attending and for your collective commitment to the future of the Fellowship.