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Report Title	Chief Executive's Report
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Previous committees/groups	None
Recommended action(s) Approval, Assurance, Information	Information/ Assurance
Purpose of the paper	To brief Board members on some important matters for the Trust, some of which may be covered in more detail elsewhere in the Public or Private meetings of the Board.
Recommendation(s)	Note the update from the Chief Executive's Report

Executive summary (overview of main points)

The paper gives a summary of the following key items:

- Fit for the future: 10 Year Health Plan for England
- Veteran aware re-accreditation
- Allyship and Anti-racism focus
- Restart a heart – volunteers wanted
- Latest King's Trust session supports young people
- Solar Panel Funding
- Electric vehicles on the road in Patient Transport Service
- Health inequalities – presentation at House of Lords
- Recognising volunteers
- YAS Paramedic re-elected to Paramedic Council

Strategic ambition(s) this supports Provide brief bullet point details of link to Trust strategy	Our Patients	Deliver high-quality patient care and achieve the Ambulance Clinical Outcome measures.
	Our People	Invest in developing our people (staff and volunteers), ensuring they have the skills, support and resources they need to deliver high-quality care and services, now and in the future.
	Our Partners	Listen and respond to patients, partners and our communities to develop and deliver high-quality care, which is continuously improving.
	Our Planet and Pounds	Use our resources wisely and ensure value for money.
Link with the BAF Include reference number (board and level 2 committees only)		1a, 1b, 1c, 3a

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This paper briefs Board members on some important matters for the Trust, some of which may be covered in more detail elsewhere in the Public or Private meetings of the Board. Board members are invited to discuss any of these items, as they choose, and to note them for information.

2. Fit for the future: 10 Year Health Plan for England

- 2.1 The NHS 10-year plan was officially announced on July 3, 2025.
[NHS 10 Year Health Plan](#)

3. Veteran Aware Re-accreditation

- 3.1 We are delighted to announce that the Trust has been re-accredited as a Veteran Aware organisation by the Veterans Covenant Healthcare Alliance (VCHA) after first achieving this accolade in 2021.
- 3.2 YAS has been recognised for the significant work that has been undertaken since 2021 to support our armed forces community. The re-accreditation recognises the Trust's work identifying and sharing best practice across the NHS and being an exemplar of the best standards of care for the armed forces community.

4. Allyship and Anti-racism focus

- 4.1 Across YAS we are working hard to create an inclusive culture and as part of this our support networks have joined forces to ask our colleagues to think about allyship and being an ally to each other. The campaign is shining a light on what allyship means and is closely linked to the Trust's values and ongoing cultural improvement work. The Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE) has recently highlighted the publication of a report published by the NHS Race and Health Observatory into the cost of racism. The feature also includes insights and thoughts from two of our own colleagues, Tasnim Ali, chair of the national ambulance BME Forum and Ruth Crabtree, national lead for public health, in their national AACE roles. The [report is available via the AACE website](#).

5. Restart a heart – volunteers wanted

- 5.1 We have more than 175 secondary schools signed up for the free life-saving training on Thursday 16 October 2025. Volunteers can now sign up to teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Restart a Heart Day and [volunteers can register by completing this form](#). Volunteers don't have to have a clinical background to volunteer - just a basic understanding of CPR is required. The team can be contacted via yas.restartaheart@nhs.net

6. Latest King's Trust session supports young people

- 6.1 We recently ran our 'Get Started' programme with the King's Trust which took place in Leeds which saw young people gain a valuable insight into working in the ambulance service and an opportunity to build a range of skills to help them in starting their careers.
- 6.2 The [Get Started Programme](#) has been run in partnership with the King's Trust for a number of years and aims to support those aged 16-30 and out of work, education or training, to build their skills and confidence with an aim to get more people into work. Our programme is delivered by our Community Engagement team and is supported by a wide range of colleagues from across the Trust. The programme includes a mix of employability skills workshops and meet the team sessions to give attendees the chance to ask questions and find out more information about the variety of roles we have at YAS. A number of previous attendees have gone on to secure roles within the Trust and to become volunteers and there are further programmes throughout 2025.

7. Solar Panel Funding

- 7.1 The Trust has been awarded over £1.4 million to install solar panels across several of our sites. This is part of a national initiative from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and part of a wider grant of £100 million for the 78 NHS Trusts to install solar power and battery storage solutions to reduce energy bills. The new solar panels will enable the Trust to build resilience into its energy management and estate, helping to decarbonise the estate and fleet faster than anticipated. The investment supports our ambition of using resources responsibly and sustainably, reducing environmental impact, and ensuring effective use of resources. The initiative will help to lower energy bills and redirect savings into frontline patient care.

8. Electric vehicles on the road in Patient Transport Service

- 8.1 We have recently deployed 35 electric vehicles in our non- emergency Patient Transport Service (PTS) which are now in service across the region. These are being deployed in Barnsley, Bradford, Doncaster, Hull, Leeds, Scunthorpe and Wakefield and we aim to expand their use wider. We are now the largest provider of ambulance-sized electric vehicles in any NHS ambulance trusts in the country, with our new PTS vehicles in use alongside our existing dedicated mental health vehicles.

9. Health inequalities – presentation at House of Lords

- 9.1 Ruth Crabtree, Public Health Lead and AACE (Association of Ambulance Chief Executives) Health Inequalities Lead, presented (in her latter role) at the House of Lords event looking at 'What next for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the NHS?' set up by the Seacole Group. Her presentation focused on the work we have done at YAS to work differently to broaden the public health analysis we conduct and expose information on health inequalities.

- 9.2 Ruth was presenting alongside other national figures, including the Chair of NHS England, Dr Penny Dash and chief executive of the CQC, Sir Julian Hartley. Ruth's presentation was described as a 'phenomenal example' to highlight health inequalities – congratulations Ruth.

10. Recognising volunteers

- 10.1 The Trust supported Volunteers' Week, (2 to 8 June), recognising the vital role that all our volunteers play across the Trust. Almost 1,000 volunteers give their time for the benefit of our patients and their local communities and Volunteers' Week gives the Trust the opportunity to express our gratitude to all our volunteers. We continue to develop the different types of roles available for volunteers and work to improve our support for them, which was recognised in our Investing in Volunteer recognition which we received at the end of 2024.
- 10.2 During Volunteers Week this year our focus was on recognising the dedicated service of our volunteers and the Trust held a series of celebration events to thank volunteers and present them with recognition of their significant service.

11. YAS Paramedic re-elected to Paramedic Council

- 11.1 Louise Whittaker, Advanced Paramedic Mental Health, has been re-elected as the Yorkshire and Humber representative on the College of Paramedics Paramedic Council.
- 11.2 Her role on the council will involve representing the views of the College's members across the region. The members are diverse in their interests, experience and career stages as well as where they work, so Louise will aim to articulate and give life to those diverse voices.
- 11.3 Louise said: "I am incredibly pleased and honoured that I have been selected to be on the council for a second term and I look forward to continuing to support the great work of the College of Paramedics. Being re-elected has also empowered me to work more closely with our college liaisons to represent the views of our members and be a strong advocate for paramedics across the region."

12. Recommendation

- 12.1 It is recommended that the Board:
- Note the Chief Executive's Report