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Hi everyone

Just wanted to provide a brief summary following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday.

We had a great bit of musical theatre from Dramarama to kick off the AGM and it was closed by the film of the 'Twist Again' video that Jan and Inder made pre-pandemic – which included dancers from across our services – you can see it [here](#).

The formal business of the AGM was from me and Tish giving an update of the year just gone and thoughts for the year ahead plus updates were given on the joiners and leavers to and from the Board. The Annual Report and audited accounts can be found [here](#). Prior to the AGM staff were given the opportunity to vote to either re-appoint Sagars as our auditors or to appoint new auditors. The outcome of the votes was that we should re-appoint Sagars as our auditors.

Most of the rest of the AGM was an acknowledgement about the lengths people have gone to to keep the people we support, ourselves and colleagues safe. Whilst the pandemic has been a challenge for us all on both a personal and professional level, the flexibility of staff and acts of kindness have been the things that have enabled us to keep going and adapt.

Despite everything over the last 18 months – we have managed to open a new service, against all the pandemic odds, set up an online programme of events and operated services for those in our care whilst often having over 100 staff unavailable for work each day due directly or indirectly to Covid. None of this would have been possible without the goodwill, flexibility and determination of our greatest asset – you.

Tish talked through the finances – which continue to be healthy – enabling us to invest in IT, give back over £300,000 to the council to help them with their pressures and have sufficient to pay for the recent staff gift.

I won't bore you with the rest of our bits from the AGM – but a huge thank you to everyone.

Keep well and stay safe



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Chief Executive

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