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Chief Executive's update

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Purpose/Summary

The Board of Trustees is asked to **note** this report.

Details

1. Please find attached list (**Appendix 1**). The Board will appreciate that this has included a significant number of introductory meetings though I've omitted those which took place prior to my joining as CEO designate in January. Obviously I'm happy to take questions / discussion on anything else which is not otherwise on the agenda.
2. Please also find attached a list of Patricia Gordon's external activities as Acting Chief Executive (**Appendix 2**).

Appendix 1

Summary of the Chief Executive's external activities and meetings from Wednesday 2 January 2019 to Sunday 24 March 2019

Date	Event
8 January 2019	Visit to MSS Hull Group
11 January 2019	Met with Nigel Leigh, recently appointed MSS Research Strategy Committee co-Chair
14 January 2019	Introductory meeting with David Martin, CEO of MS Trust
15 January 2019	Visit to MSS Huntingdon Group
16 January 2019	International Progressive MS Alliance Orientation and Onboarding (telephone) meeting with Cyndi Zagieboylo (US MS Society CEO and Alliance Executive Committee Chair), Pam Valentine (MS Society Canada CEO), Tim Coetzee, (US MS Chief Advocacy, Services and Research Officer and SSC member)
16 January 2019	Attended Royal College of General Practitioners Winter event
18 January 2019	Introductory meeting with Sarah Schol
18 January 2019	Introductory meeting with Ceri Smith
25 January 2019	Introductory meeting with Jane Collins – Outgoing CEO of Marie Curie
25 January 2019	Met with support volunteers from Croydon and Richmond MSS Groups
28 January 2019	Introductory meeting with Marion King
28 January 2019	Introductory meeting with Dowshan Humzah
28 January 2019	Introductory meeting with Susan Crane
28 January 2019	Introductory meeting with Rufus Olins
30 January 2019	Interview with Dee Dee Morgan for MS Matters
30 January 2019	Attended Stop MS Appeal Board Meeting
31 January 2019	Visit to MSS Gosport and Fareham Group
1 February 2019	Meeting with Ruth Hasnip regarding marketing

2 February 2019	Attended MSS Cymru Council Meeting in Cardiff
4 February 2019	Introductory meeting with Catherine Doran
4 February 2019	Attended MSS Northern Ireland Council meeting in Belfast
4 February 2019	Met with Professor Denise Fitzgerald of Queens University Belfast as part of series of initial meetings with various researchers
5 February 2019	Introductory meeting with Mary Douglas
6 February 2019	Attended MSS Scotland Council Meeting in Edinburgh
6 February 2019	Attended Progressive MS Alliance Managing Member Meeting in Executive Session (Conference call)
7 February 2019	Met with volunteers at Edinburgh office
7 February 2019	Met with Siddharthan Chandra and Charles French-Constant of the Edinburgh Research Centre as part of series of initial meetings with various researchers
11 February 2019	Introductory meeting with Sarah Vibert of The Neurological Alliance
14 February 2019	Introductory meeting with Phillip Gamble
20 February 2018	Introductory meeting with Helen Walker, Chief Executive of Carers UK
20 February 2019	Met with Martin Stevens of Disability Rights UK
22 February 2019	Met with Nick Winser and Dowshan Humzah regarding digital strategy
25 February 2019	Introductory meeting with Mark Lewis and Sasha Lewis from Internal Auditors, PriceWaterhouseCoopers
4 March 2019	Introductory meeting with Karen Jones
5 March 2019	Met with Caroline Cake of Health Data Research UK regarding potential collaborative opportunities
6 March 2019	Introductory meeting with Steve Ford of Parkinson's UK
11 March 2019	Introductory meeting with Caroline Abrahams, Charity Director at Age UK, as co-chair of the Care and Support Alliance
11 March 2019	Introductory meeting with Chris Askew, Chief Executive of Diabetes UK
12 March 2019	Introductory meeting with Beth Capper, Head of Programmes at the Richmond Group

12 March 2019	Introductory meeting with Frank Sudlow, Chair, MS Therapy Centres
13 March 2019	Attended Progressive MS Alliance Managing Member Meeting in Executive Session (Conference call)
14 March 2019	Introductory meeting with Aisling Burnand, Chief Executive of the Association of Medical Research Charities
14 March 2019	Introductory meeting with Elisabeth Kaslingham and Pedro Carrascal, EMSP (European MS Platform), by telephone

Appendix 2

Summary of the Acting Chief Executive's external activities and meetings from Thursday 6 December 2018 to Thursday 31 January 2019

Date	Event
11 December 2018	Attended MSS Christmas Carol Concert at St Botolphs without Bishopsgate
18 December 2018	Attended Stop MS Appeal / Ambassadors Christmas gathering
19 December 2019	Met with Martin Stevens of Disability Rights UK