

## Board of Directors Cover Sheet

<b>Subject:</b>	Chairman Report		<b>Date:</b> 31 May 2018	
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<b>Purpose</b>				
To update on key events and information from the last month.			<b>Decision</b>	
			<b>Approval</b>	
			<b>Assurance</b>	X
<b>Strategic Objectives</b>				
<b>To provide outstanding care to our patients</b>	<b>To support each other to do a great job</b>	<b>To inspire excellence</b>	<b>To get the most from our resources</b>	<b>To play a leading role in transforming health and care services</b>
X	X	X	X	X
<b>Overall Level of Assurance</b>				
	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Sufficient</b>	<b>Limited</b>	<b>None</b>
			X	
<b>Risks/Issues</b>				
<b>Financial</b>				
<b>Patient Impact</b>				
<b>Staff Impact</b>				
<b>Services</b>				
<b>Reputational</b>				
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>				
N/A				
<b>Executive Summary</b>				
<p>An update regarding some of the most noteworthy events and items over the past month from the Chair's perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General update</li> <li>• Visits to Trust teams and external meetings</li> <li>• Newark Hospital infection free for a whole year</li> <li>• Membership summary</li> </ul>				

## **Chairman Report – May 2018**

### **General update**

In the last month the key issues I have been focusing on are:

- How the use of resources and well led element of our inspection has gone. Again feedback indicates we have made a positive impression.
- Recruitment of non-executive directors. We currently have two posts vacant. These roles are crucial given that they help hold the executive team to account for the running of the organisation. I am hoping that we will have two new non-executive directors in place by September 2018. We are hoping to appoint one non-executive with a clinical background and one with an organizational development/workforce background.

### **Visits to Trust Teams and External Meetings**

I and a number of other Board members attended the funeral of Ray Dawson, non-executive director and vice chair.

I have also attended a number of external meetings including:

- Mid Nottinghamshire Better Together Board (previously the Alliance Board)
- STP Elected Members, Chairs and Non-Executive Directors Advisory Group.
- Meeting with Ben Bradley MP for Mansfield alongside Richard Mitchell, Chief Executive
- Meeting with David Pearson (chair of Nottinghamshire STP and deputy Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council
- Meeting with Chairs of EMAS and NUH

Within the Trust I have been out and about to the following departments and meetings:

- Use of Resources Assessment introduction with NHS Improvement.
- CQC Well Led introduction.
- CQC Well Led interview.
- Council of Governors meeting
- My third 15 Steps Quality Visits on the diagnostic and theatre parts of the fractured neck of femur pathway
- Informal visits to a number of wards and A and E.

### **Newark Hospital infection free for a whole year**

Newark Hospital has officially been free of hospital acquired infections for a year. This impressive achievement has been made thanks to a number of measures that have been put in place. These include: regular audits of good practice including hand hygiene, use of

gloves and aprons, maintenance of devices and regularly monitoring the cleanliness of the environment.

Infection control tests are carried out every day and the hospital is visited at least twice a week by a member of the Infection Prevention and Control Team who observes practices and delivers education to staff and patients. Each area within the hospital also has an Infection Prevention and Control Link Practitioner who also monitors best practice, conducts audits and provides education to patients and other staff about keeping infection free.

Infections that can be acquired in a hospital setting include: CDiff, MRSA, MSSA, EColi, Urinary Catheter associated, Pseudomonas Aeruginosa and Klebsiella blood stream infections.

I would like to thank all of our staff for their efforts to keep Newark Hospital infection free. These rates of infection have a really positive impact on our patients' journey, as it enables them to have a safer and potentially shorter stay within the Trust, whilst providing a better patient experience.

It is so important to keep our patients as safe as possible and this achievement just shows how dedicated our staff are to make this happen.

## **Membership Summary**

Following positive feedback from our governors, 'Meet Your Governor' sessions will now be held on a monthly basis. In April our governors attended all of our three sites and met with many of our service users. Feedback from our patients, families and visitors was mainly positive. Of the concerns raised, themes were: to reinstate the bus service from Newark to King's Mill, long waiting times in Clinic 8, more surgery needed at Newark as concerned it will eventually close, the expense of car parking, along with staff having difficulty finding a space.

The Forum for Public Involvement met for the seventh time on Monday, 9 April. The group covered items including the National Staff Survey results and a discussion on the proposed new Trust website. Their views on this are now being taken into account in the design of the new site.