

# Public Board Meeting

# Report

**Subject:** Chair's Report  
**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
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<b>Executive Summary</b>	
This report provides an update on progress, plans and regulatory developments.  The Board are asked to note the content of this paper.	
<b>Relevant Strategic Priorities (please mark in bold)</b>	
<b>Ensure the highest standards of safe care are consistently delivered by, and for, individuals, teams and departments</b>	<b>Ensure that patients experience the very best care, building on good practice and listening and learning from both negative and positive feedback and events</b>
<b>Provide timely access to diagnosis, treatment and care when people need it and safely reduce the time patients spend in hospital</b>	<b>Raise the level of staff engagement through strong leadership, communication, feedback and recognition</b>
<b>Reduce the scale of our financial deficit by reducing costs, improving utilisation of resources and productivity, and achieving best value for money</b>	<b>Work in partnership to keep people well in the community, and enable them to return as soon as they are ready to leave hospital</b>
<b>Develop and implement a programme of work in conjunction with Nottingham University Hospital NHST to create a new combined organisation</b>	

<b>How has organisational learning been disseminated</b>	N/A
<b>Links to the BAF</b>	N/A
<b>Financial Implications/Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Legal Implications/Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Partnership working &amp; Public Engagement Implications/Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>	N/A

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S – WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017**

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

**Christmas and New Year thank you**

I would like to acknowledge and thank all staff and volunteers who worked over the Christmas holiday period to ensure that we continued to provide a high quality service to our patients and visitors. I understand that demand was significant at times over this period, with changes in opening hours for healthcare services across Nottinghamshire, making it even more challenging. Thank you to everyone on shift during that fortnight, as well as to all staff for continuing to work so hard to maintain patient flow and safe services during the recent period of increased demand.

**New bereavement suite now open**

The maternity bereavement suite at King's Mill Hospital was officially opened this month. It has benefitted from a complete makeover thanks to funding from the Mansfield and Sutton League of Friends.

The £10,000 donation has enhanced home comforts in a dedicated room, providing parents who have suffered a stillbirth or whose babies have survived for only a short time after birth, a private and less clinical area in which to grieve and get support.

**Newark members' event**

This month, a total of 60 people, including 7 Governors, attended the first in a series of public engagement events targeted at our NHS Foundation Trust members. Feedback was very good from this event held in Newark, where attendees had the opportunity to learn more about the services that the hospital has to offer including the newly refurbished Urgent Care Centre, as well as Newark's new vision and strategy for 2017 and beyond.

These quarterly sessions will help keep our members informed of Trust developments and enable them to ask questions about the Trust, developments underway and the services we offer. Furthermore, they enable us to gather opinions from local people to inform improvements and developments across our hospitals. Attendees are also able to meet the Governors who represent them and become a Trust member if they are not already.

**Launch of anti-smoking campaign**

I promised to update members of the Board regarding the progress made to address on-site smoking in response to the strength of opinion voiced at the Annual Public Meeting in September. On 11 January we launched our latest smoke-free campaign to help remind people that smoking on our sites is not permitted. We are working in partnership with Ashfield District Council Community Protection Officers to help enforce the smoking ban at King's Mill Hospital. The Council delivered four educational sessions from the King's Treatment Centre on tackling patients and visitors about littering, before undertaking external patrols. Officers will be politely asking people not to smoke on the grounds and, if seen littering, people will be warned about the possibilities of receiving a fine.

The launch attracted significant media attention locally, and has certainly raised awareness of our work on this matter, with mixed views expressed by local people. It is certain that more needs to be done to tackle this issue, and the programme of work continues, with measures to support smokers in quitting, including a mobile 'stop smoking' clinic to be located by the main entrance.

#### **Visit from Archdeacon David Picken of Newark**

I met with the Archdeacon during his annual pastoral visit to the Trust. He is the diocese's special representative for health and we shared information about the Trust's progress and discussed the important role of the Chaplaincy Team in the Trust. This visit reinforces the importance of spiritual wellbeing alongside physical and mental health and support for those of all faiths.

**Dr Peter Marks**  
**Acting Chair**