

Board of Directors

Report

Subject: Chairman's Report
Date: Thursday 28th January 2016
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Executive Summary This report provides an update on progress, plans and regulatory developments.	
Recommendation The Board are asked to note the content of this paper.	
Relevant Strategic Priorities (please mark in bold)	
To consistently deliver a high quality patient experience safely and effectively	To develop extended clinical networks that benefit the patients we serve
To eliminate the variability of access to and outcomes from our acute services	To provide efficient and cost-effective services and deliver better value healthcare
To reduce demand on hospital services and deliver care closer to home	

How has organisational learning been disseminated	N/A
Links to the BAF and Corporate Risk Register	N/A
Details of additional risks associated with this paper (<i>may include CQC Essential Standards, NHSLA, NHS Constitution</i>)	N/A
Links to NHS Constitution	N/A
Financial Implications/Impact	N/A
Legal Implications/Impact	N/A
Partnership working & Public Engagement Implications/Impact	N/A
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before	N/A
Monitoring and Review	N/A
Is a QIA required/been completed? If yes provide brief details	N/A

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Governor Activities

It is with regret that I have to report that Sue Moss, Public Governor for Newark tendered her resignation as a Governor with effect from 4th January 2016.

I attended the Council of Governors Performance and Strategy Committee and had concerns about how the Council of Governors could gain more access to Non-Executive Directors in order to fulfil their role. Part of the response is to propose Non-Executive Director attendance at Governor Sub Committees and this will be presented at the Council of Governors meeting on 24th February.

An Extraordinary Council of Governors meeting was held on 21st January when the Chief Executive and I outlined progress on Long Term Partnership arrangements.

A routine informal meeting with Newark Governors was held on 21st January.

2. Membership Activities

Meet Your Governor events

The next Meet Your Governor events will be happening in March – more information to follow soon.

Other Member events

There is now a calendar of forthcoming events for the next six months, including, healthy living events and heart failure events. Details of these events are now on the Trust's internet.

Member database

The Trust's new membership database has now been built to our specification by our new database provider (MES). They have undertaken the first test of the database, and the second and final test will be undertaken in the next few days.

All member details have been uploaded onto the new membership database system, and the validation process of the email addresses has started to be undertaken, to ensure that they are accurate and up to date.

It is hoped that the new database will be fully operational for use by 29th January.

3. External Meetings

The Chief Executive and I have met with all 4 local MPs during January to outline progress on Long Term Partnership arrangements.

Also, the Trust met with Professor Sir Mike Richards on 14th January for an informal update meeting. The Chief Executive, Medical Director, Chief Nursing Officer and myself attended.

4. Other Activities

It was a great pleasure to visit Woodland Ward (Ex ward 52) to see the completed conversion to a completely new environment, much more appropriate for patients.

Congratulations go to fundraisers and Project Managers for making this happen.

I have carried out two ward assurance visits in the new format (Senior Leadership Walk Rounds) and verbal feedback will be given at the Board meeting.

Sean Lyons
Chairman