

Board of Directors

Report

Subject: Chairman's Report
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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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1. Monitor

Most of the interaction with Monitor has been in relation to progressing the selection of a Long Term Partner for the Trust.

A routine PRM was held on 29th January 2016, which overall was a positive meeting and both parties are cognisant of the challenges facing the Trust.

2. Long Term Partnership

The rigorous process of selection of a Long Term Partner for the Trust concluded on 3rd February 2016. Presentations and panel questioning took place with both contenders and a thorough scoring and evaluation process took place, including taking reference from expert observers.

The conclusion was that Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust was the most suitable partner.

This recommendation was taken to the Trust Board of Directors on 12th February 2016 and after debate, the recommendation was taken to a vote and unanimously approved by the voting directors present. The meeting was fully quorate and only one voting direction was unable to attend.

An extraordinary Council of Governors meeting was held on 15th February 2016 where the process and decision were discussed.

It is a matter of regret that one local newspaper leaked the story before the Trust had the opportunity to meet staff face to face. However, the staff briefings which did take place on 16th February 2016 were received well and it was helpful that Peter Homa, Chief Executive of Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust addressed the briefings.

3. Governor Activities

Governors have been kept informed of the Long Term Partnership arrangements. Their responsibilities now are to obtain assurance regarding how the Trust will be taking account of the interests of patients and public as the arrangements for combining the two organisations progresses. When a formal transaction is proposed, the majority of Governors need to approve this.

A proposal regarding how to give Governors the appropriate assurances is being worked up.

A full Council of Governors meeting was held on 24th February 2016 in Newark and a verbal update will be given at the Board meeting.

4. Membership Activities

Meet Your Governor events

A further round of Meet Your Governor events have been scheduled for early March 2016 and will cover all three hospital sites.

Other member events

From 11th to 29th January, a 'New Year, New You' campaign was aimed at increasing staff member engagement and signposting our teams to some services and ideas that might help them achieve some of their new year's resolutions. Several external providers offered taster sessions in areas such as health and fitness, wellbeing and mindfulness, financial management and personal and professional development.

Two healthy living events were also held, one at King's Mill and one in Newark with 20 and 13 attendees respectively. The sessions took the form of interactive workshops with quizzes and group tasks and overall feedback received was excellent.

On 9th February, a heart failure event took place to educate members on the signs, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of heart failure. The event was delivered lecture style by the multidisciplinary heart failure team and attracted 25 members. Once again excellent feedback was received.

Member database

The new membership database has now gone live and staff training has taken place.

Sean Lyons
Chairman