

Public Board Meeting

Report

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

How has organisational learning been disseminated	N/A
Links to the BAF	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

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1. Monitor

Similar to the previous period, interaction with Monitor has been mainly focussed on progressing the Long Term Partnership arrangements with NUH.

For noting, Monitor and the TDA come together under the new organisation, NHS Improvement, with effect from 1st April 2016. Senior leadership positions were announced several weeks ago. So far, the Trust has not been informed of any changes to current arrangements in respect of regional or more local management from the regulation side.

The next planned PRM is on 8th April 2016.

2. Long Term Partnership

A 'day1' kick off meeting was held on 22nd February with SFHT, NUH, Monitor TDA and Ernst & Young (EY) present.

This meeting broadly framed the governance arrangements to include weekly and monthly progress meetings and an outline of a Stakeholder Reference Group. Workstreams are now defined and populated.

The weekly meetings have been progressing and the first monthly Steering Group meeting was held on 17th March.

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) have been notified of the intention to combine the two organisations, this has been done at the NUH end.

Timings for key transaction milestones and other confidential details will be discussed in the private Board meeting.

The Chief Executive and I, along with our NUH counterparts, met with Nottinghamshire MPs on 16th March in order to provide a general update on the merger progress.

The key issue now is to be able to see the deployment of clinical support in the areas of concern raised by the CQC and to see tangible improvements as a consequence.

3. Governor Activities

The main focus in the period has been the initiation of Governor elections.

The elections are being held as 10 public and 7 staff/volunteer Governors terms of office expire on 30th April 2016.

Two Public Governors terms of office expire on 31st July 2016, although it was agreed in November 2015 that these posts would be part of the current election campaign.

I have hosted 4 Aspirant Governor information sessions in order to provide information to interested candidates. Although these events were not particularly well attended, it is pleasing to report that as of the closing date of 17th March, 38 nominations had been received.

It should be noted that, due to various reasons, 6 current publicly elected Governors will not be seeking re-election, which means that, along with the 2 current vacancies, there will be at least 8 new publicly elected Governors, whose office will commence on 30th April.

Two elected staff/volunteer Governors have chosen not to stand for re-election.

The result of the election will be known on 29th April.

A routine informal meeting with Newark Governors was held on 11th March.

4. Membership Activities

Meet Your Governor events

Unfortunately two of the three Meet Your Governor events scheduled to take place in early March were cancelled due to lack of Governor support. The event scheduled to take place in the King's Treatment Centre on 14th March took place and was supported by Roz Norman, Beryl Perrin and John Barsby. The comments taken were overall positive.

Other member events

A series of emergency lifesaving training sessions are scheduled to be held over the next couple of months at both King's Mill and in Newark. Preparations for an organ donation awareness event are also underway with the event to be held in Newark in May.

Sean Lyons
Chairman