

Public Board Meeting

Report

Subject: Chair'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

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S – WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2016

CHAIR'S REPORT

Christmas message

Whilst most people will be looking forward to taking some time off this Christmas, many of our staff will be here at work, for which I, the Trust, our patients and their families are immensely grateful. As we reflect on the past year, we could not have achieved what we have without the dedication of all staff across our hospitals. On behalf of the Board I would like to thank staff for their contributions this year, which have led to a positive CQC report and the lifting of special measures – a somewhat different position compared with this time last year. I would also like to say a particular thank you to those who are at work caring for our patients over the festive period.

Involving Healthwatch

As part of our new programme to improve engagement with local stakeholders and develop more constructive relationships, Jo Yeaman, Director of Communications, and I met with Healthwatch earlier this month. This was the first official meeting between the Trust and Healthwatch for around a year. Jez Alcock, Chief Executive, and Michelle Livingstone, Chair, attended King's Mill Hospital, where we had a helpful conversation about their experiences of our Trust and how we might involve them more effectively and keep them up to speed about relevant activities. We have agreed to meet quarterly, with updates in between where necessary. One of the first actions we agreed is to support them with addressing queries from local people regarding our long-term commitment to develop the Newark Hospital site.

NHS Providers Conference

I attended a NHS Providers' conference this month focusing on Trusts making the journey from a CQC rating of 'Requires Improvement' to 'Good'. During the session there was a helpful presentation from The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, which has successfully undergone this transformation. I was reassured that everything within their presentation about the things that made a positive difference to them appears to mirror work already underway at Sherwood Forest Hospitals. I have shared slides with members of the Board and would be happy to respond to any questions.

Governors Updates

In November, I issued the first monthly Chair's update to Governors, a regular feature that will be sent on the Friday following each Board meeting. The newsletter will help to keep Governors in the loop about the latest developments at Board-level as well as share key news and information. We are also planning our first Governor-led members' event in January, which will be the first of many under a new programme to involve and engage our members more effectively.

Sherwood Forest Hospital Volunteers receive recognition

Volunteers from Mansfield Community Hospitals were acknowledged for their contributions at a Long Service Award and celebratory event this month, which I was delighted to attend. This is the last of three special award ceremonies held across our hospitals to thank

volunteers for their dedication and long service. Between them, our volunteers have carried out an impressive total of 915 years' volunteering.

Our volunteers give up their own time to help make patient visits and stays more comfortable, and to direct people to the right areas across the hospital and so make them feel welcome and at ease. I would like to invite members of the Board to join me in thanking our volunteers for the valuable contributions they make to our hospitals each and every day.

Christmas carolling at King's Mill Hospital

We have been getting in the mood for Christmas at King's Mill Hospital with a variety of carol concerts taking place in our main entrance, some of which I have had the pleasure of attending.

Joined by Santa Claus, local school choirs have been visiting us to perform to patients and visitors. They have really brought a festive atmosphere to the hospital.

The annual event helps to raise money for our Voluntary Services, with last year's events raising more than £500.

Dr Peter Marks
Acting Chair