

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

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Monitor Activity

On 1st April, the Trust received notification of Monitor's proposed regulatory position, following the meetings in calendar year 2015, and as reported in my previous reports.

The notification outlined the requirement for a number of action plans to be either developed, or progressed to timescales proposed by Monitor.

- a) A short term Financial Recovery Plan;
- b) A long term (5 year) Financial Action Plan;
- c) A Financial Governance Action Plan;
- d) Progression of the existing CQC SMART Action Plan
- e) Target action plans for A&E and non-admitted RTT
- f) A Governance Action Plan

The Trust was given until 10th April to respond to the proposed timescales. These timescales were reviewed and in some cases, later dates were proposed.

These revised dates were accepted by Monitor. The notification on 1st April also imposed a Section 111 condition on the Trust's licence.

On 20th April, the Trust received the final revised undertakings, which I signed and returned on 21st April.

The regular PRM meeting with Monitor was held on 15th April 2015.

2. Chief Executive Departure

On 2nd April, the Trust announced the departure of Chief Executive, Paul O'Connor. Paul concluded that he had taken the Trust as far as he could on its journey, and intended to pursue other opportunities.

On behalf of the Board and Council of Governors I would like to express the Trust's appreciation for his efforts during his tenure.

3. Governor Activities

A Governor Development session was held on 9th April, covering the Annual Plan and the Better Together programme.

I attended at the opening of the session to field questions regarding the departure of the Chief Executive.

On 16th April, an Extraordinary Council of Governors meeting was held in private. This was convened mainly to ensure that Governors were fully apprised of Monitor's

regulatory proposals. Also, the Trust required approval in principle to the revised funding proposals from DoH. These were approved.

Other questions were answered and Governors requested a meeting with Monitor and a meeting with the Trust's Turnaround Director, Terry Watson in the near future. These will be arranged at the earliest convenient time.

4. Membership Update

The first edition of the new style SFH News – Spring Edition has been issued via mail out as well as via email. In this edition we have also included a survey seeking members' views on the types of articles they would like to read, and seeking ideas on improvements we could make to our membership, such as member events on health topics and working with local communities. With the aim of decreasing the amount we spend on postage, we have also informed members that we will no longer be posting the magazine out unless they notify us that this is their chosen method. More than 230 people have responded to date – the vast majority still wishing to opt for receiving the magazine by post. We are still receiving responses, with a deadline of end of April. The information will be analysed during May and I will update you further at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Our aim is to improve membership with our current members, targeting our news and engagement events towards what they wish to hear more about. Whilst also achieving greater engagement with our current members, we are also keen to recruit more members from the demographics which are currently under-represented. The Communications and Membership Officer returns from maternity leave with effect from 1 June 2015, and her focus will be on taking forward ideas supported in the survey. One key event already planned for the summer includes our participation in the Ashfield Show 2015.

The next meeting of the Membership & Engagement Committee is on 6 May 2015.

5. Awards

It was a pleasure to support the 30, 35 & 40 year long service awards on 9th April 2015.

6. Visits

Hugo Mascie-Taylor, Medical director and Director of Patient & Clinical Engagement at Monitor visited the Trust on 16/17th April. This was a positive, uplifting and supportive visit.

7. Confidentiality Breach

I am really disappointed to inform you that a document relating to Monitor's proposed regulatory approach has been leaked to the Newark Advertiser, with the Advertiser consequently running a story on p4 of today's publication, despite efforts by the Trust to emphasise the confidentiality of the information. I attach a copy of the article.

The information has only recently been shared with the Board of Directors and the Council of Governors on a confidential basis, and so it appears that some person or persons have breached that confidence.

I wish to emphasise my serious concern about this breach, and if anyone could offer any information regarding how this could have happened, please let me know.

Sean Lyons

Date