

# Board of Directors

# Report

**Subject:** Chairman's Report  
**Date:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
**Author:** Sean Lyons, Chairman  
**Lead Director:** Sean Lyons, Chairman

<b>Executive Summary</b> This report provides an update on progress, plans and regulatory developments.	
<b>Recommendation</b> The Board are asked to note the content of this paper.	
<b>Relevant Strategic Priorities (please mark in bold)</b>	
<b>To consistently deliver a high quality patient experience safely and effectively</b>	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	

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

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### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

#### **1. Monitor Activity**

Bi-weekly teleconferences between the Trust and Monitor are in place. These focus at present on the tactical support the Trust is receiving to provide sufficient Executive capacity to respond to the current challenges. Monitor have been very helpful in facilitating interim support.

A routine PRM meeting with Monitor took place on 28<sup>th</sup> September. The Acting Chief Executive's report will cover the topics discussed.

#### **2. CQC**

The 28<sup>th</sup> September deadline imposed by the CQC in respect of the Section 29A notice (mentioned in last month's report) have been met. A further item has a deadline of 6<sup>th</sup> November and this is on track for completion.

The CQC report findings were published on 20<sup>th</sup> October. The Trust carried out a large number of briefing sessions during that week, and initial responses are being collated. Further communications and engagement programmes will be in place following the Quality Summit on 30<sup>th</sup> October, when the Trust's response to the report will be presented and discussed.

#### **3. Governor Activities**

The Council of Governors held one of their regular Forum meetings on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

I attended this with the intention of discussing possible ways to make committee meetings more efficient in the use of Executive time.

Governors were quite reluctant to make any changes without clarity that the assurances gained from their committee structures would be equivalent or better following any change.

I agreed to review arrangements at Tameside regarding Governor involvement and assurance and report back.

#### **4. Board Appointments**

The interview process for a substantive CEO took place on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September.

A preferred candidate was identified and discussions regarding how this appointment may be made are ongoing.

Interviews for the Non-Executive Director appointment to replace Mark Chivers took place on 30<sup>th</sup> September. As it transpired, two appointable candidates emerged, one whose skill set matched that specified, who is Graham Ward. However, a second candidate, Ruby Beech impressed the selection panel with her experience of Human

Resource Management and Development. Consequently, the panel recommended that she also should be appointed to support what will be a demanding people agenda going forward.

I am pleased to say that the Council of Governors approved these appointments at a special meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Graham and Ruby should be in attendance at the 5<sup>th</sup> November Board meeting.

## **5. Membership Activities**

Stoptober events took place across both King's Mill and Newark hospital sites earlier this month. The events were supported by New Leaf, who offered smoking cessation advice, and attracted a number of both staff and public members.

An organ donation event was held at King's Mill Hospital on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October and was hosted by Dr Sandeep Dhir. Although attendance at the event was low, overall feedback was excellent, with members commenting that the event was "very interesting" and "the event should definitely be repeated".

Further member events scheduled for the coming months include a cyberchondria event at King's Mill, Radiology events at both King's Mill and Newark hospitals and Meet your Governor sessions in early December.

## **6. Annual General Meeting**

The AGM took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> September and this went as planned, with many questions posed from members of the public.

The exhibitions and the dementia event were well presented and organised, although for next year I feel we need to stimulate more attendance.

## **7. Volunteer Recognition**

This month saw a number of recognition events:

- Newark Volunteers Long Service Awards on 6<sup>th</sup> October
- King's Mill Volunteers Long Service Awards on 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Both were well attended and many hundreds of years of service were recognised.

A special mention should go to Barbara Read, who celebrates 50 years of long service as a Volunteer, and who very generously donated monies from her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations to the Dementia Appeal. Such kindness, loyalty and generosity is very special.

## **8. Staff Excellence Awards**

The Annual Staff Excellence Awards and dinner took place on 16<sup>th</sup> October at the John Fretwell Centre.

An excellent and uplifting event was enjoyed by all and thanks go to our generous sponsors.

**9. Patient/Family Interaction**

A verbal account of this month's experiences will be given at the Board meeting.

**Sean Lyons**  
Chairman

**Date: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015**