

Board of Directors Meeting

Subject: Chairman's Report
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<p>Executive Summary</p> <p>This report provides an update on progress, plans and regulatory developments</p>
<p>Recommendation</p> <p>The Board are asked to note the content of this paper</p>

Relevant Strategic Objectives (please mark in bold)	
Achieve the best patient experience	Achieve financial sustainability
Improve patient safety and provide high quality care	Build successful relationships with external organisations and regulators
Attract, develop and motivate effective teams	

Links to the BAF and Corporate Risk Register	Strategy items impact on all strategic objectives
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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25 August 2014

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Monitor Activity

a) Special Measures

On 1 September 2014, the Trust was formally informed of Monitor's decision to accept the recommendation of the Chief Inspector of Hospitals to keep the Trust in Special Measures. The letter notes the progress made since being placed in Special Measures.

Gillian Hooper has been appointed as Improvement Director, replacing Mike Shewan. Gillian started in her role on 8 September 2014 and the Trust looks forward to her support and guidance on its improvement journey.

b) PRM and Roundtable meeting

The scheduled PRM with Monitor and Roundtable meeting with the Trust, Monitor, NHS England and the Commissioners is scheduled for 24 September 2014.

A verbal update will be given at the Board of Directors meeting

2. Governor activities

The full CoG meeting was held on 14 August 2014, with the Chair and Operations Director of EMAS making a presentation on improvement progress.

A Governor development session exploring the relationships between NED's and Governors was held on 18 September 2014. A verbal update will be given at the Board meeting.

The next Governor Forum on 9 October 2014 will focus on the Better Together programme. Amanda Sullivan has kindly agreed to present this topic.

Aspirant Governor information sessions were held in Newark and Mansfield as part of the recruitment process for the 4 public Governor vacancies. Thanks go to Beryl Perrin, Nigel Nice and Jim Barrie for supporting these sessions.

It is pleasing to report that at the time of writing there are 18 candidates for the 4 vacancies.

Constituency	No of vacancies	No of candidates
Ashfield	2	6
Mansfield	1	5
Newark & Strategy	1	7

Elections will be held on 23 October 2014 and results known on 24 October 2014.

3. Membership Update and AGM / AMM

Membership summary

On Friday 5 September the Communications Team attended the Ashfield Job Fair in partnership with Health Education East Midlands Workforce Team (Nottinghamshire). The event was very well attended and allowed the Trust to promote local jobs available in the NHS as well as the benefits of becoming a public member of the Trust. Representation at such events is in line with the focus agreed by the membership and engagement sub-committee of attracting younger members to join the Trust membership. A total of 22 new members were signed up, with half of them under the age of 30.

I will be attending the Membership and Engagement Committee where possible going forward.

Annual General Meeting / Annual Members' Meeting

The Trust's AGM/AMM took place on 11 September 2014 in the conference centre at King's Mill Hospital. The event was attended by more than 70 people.

Attendees had the opportunity to visit stands showcasing some of the Trust's services and improvement projects including VitalPAC, day case surgery and Newark Hospital – The Future. A members event, also open to the public, was led by our Director of Nursing and Quality. More than 20 people attended the event to hear about the positive work streams featured in the quality account such as #Hellomynameis and the ward information boards.

The overall feedback received from participants has been very positive; over 71% of people who left feedback rated the content of the AGM as good or excellent.

Staff Excellence Awards

Staff Excellence Awards 2014 has been another record breaking year with more than 180 nominations received from patients, visitors and colleagues across the Trust. Each year the awards are held to recognise outstanding colleagues who deserve special recognition for consistently providing quality care for all.

The calibre of this year's entries made it a tough job for the judging panel to choose the final shortlist. All colleagues who have been shortlisted are now invited to the awards ceremony, taking place in October.

4. Visits and Patient Feedback

I spent time as a HCA at Newark Hospital Outpatients recently. Feedback on this and other patient / family interaction will be given verbally at the Board meeting.

5. Board Development

The Board has agreed the development plan facilitated by Foresight Partnership and this is now in progress.

6. Meeting Etiquette

In the reading room is a paper on meeting etiquette which was produced specifically at the request of one of the Chairs of a Governor Sub Committee, to help in the running of that Committee. It is useful guidance for any chair or member of a committee

Sean Lyons

18 September 2014