

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	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Monitor Activity

Liaison this month has been mainly centred around the a) 5 year submission and b) the CQC Inspection outcome.

a) 5 Year Plan Submission and PRM

The final version of the Trust's 5 year plan was submitted by the required date of 30th June 2014.

Feedback was received at the PRM on 18th July 2014, with the plan being received in a very positive light, with an appreciation of the challenges within it.

The Trust has been asked to submit a milestone plan and key metrics for September 2014.

The PRM focussed on performance in A & E, RTT and *c.Diff*.

b) CQC Inspection

With the disappointing news that the Trust is likely to remain in Special Measures for 6 months it is likely that there will be a continuation of the role of Improvement Director for this duration. Confirmation of arrangements is expected in the next few weeks.

I believe Monitor to be appreciative of the progress that is recognised in the CQC report and the Trust has assured Monitor of its determination to exit Special Measures as soon as possible.

To note is that Jennifer Tait has ceased to be the Trust's senior Regional Manager and is being replaced by Rebecca Farmer with effect from 1st August 2014. We look forward to developing a productive relationship with Rebecca.

2. Governor activities

The Council of Governors special topic meeting was held on 24th July 2014 with the focus being on the 5 year plan and the CQC Inspection Report.

The next full CoG meeting is 14th August 2014. EMAS have kindly agreed to present at this meeting.

Governor training topics continue to be developed with the next topic being focussed on working relationships between NEDs and Governors. This session is scheduled to take place on 18th September 2014.

Progress regarding elections to the 4 vacancies for public Governors will be verbally reported by the Company Secretary.

3. Visits and Patient feedback

I spent time, this month, working with Therapy Services at King's Mill Hospital. Feedback on this and the other family and patient experience comments will be given verbally.

4. Membership Update

On Saturday 14 June 2014, the membership stand was at Newark Hospital Open Day and more than 30 members were recruited by the attending governors. An Emergency Lifesaving Training session was delivered in partnership with EMAS on 18 June 2014 at King's Mill Hospital. 27 members attended the event and overall feedback was excellent.

July saw a Health Living member event taking place in Newark. The session offered tips and advice to members on the everyday lifestyle changes which can be made to promote healthy living.

Due to the success of previous Emergency Life Saving Training sessions, a further session was held at King's Mill Hospital on 22 July 2014. The event was well attended and once again received excellent feedback. A governor led Membership Information and Recruitment Stand was also held on 22 July 2014 with 26 new members being recruited.

The Membership Information and Recruitment Stand will be visiting all three of our sites over the coming months as well as the Mansfield & Ashfield and Newark & Sherwood CCG AGMs. Work is underway on organising our own AGM in September with a variety of information stalls planned to showcase innovations that have taken place within the Trust over the past year. A member event following an inpatient journey is also scheduled to take place at the AGM.

5. Chief Financial Officer – Fran Steele

Fran Steele leaves the Trust on 31st July 2014 having served as Chief Financial Officer since January 2012. The Board would like to register its thanks to Fran for her hard work and guidance during the time and wish her well for the future.

Fran will be replaced by Margaret Ashworth on an interim basis week effective from 1 August 2014.

Sean Lyons

24 July 2014