

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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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Monitor Activity

- Monitor have issued their initial findings from the Trust's two year operational plans for 2015/16. This sets out sector trends and updates expectations for the 5 year strategic plan submissions.

Boards are encouraged to consider whether the 2015/16 plans are realistic and also to be assured about the realism of the 5 year plan submissions.

Further, Trusts will be required to inform Monitor as to their engagement with the Better Care Fund within the 5 year planning process.

- There is a round table meeting planned on 3 June 2014 with Monitor, Commissioners , NHS England and the Trust, followed by the routine PRM meeting
- Further guidance is expected regarding capacity planning related to the national risks against Admitted RTT standards

2. Governors Activities

- Governor training sessions continue with the latest topic being Finance, Performance and Commissioning. As with all other modules, the training has been extremely well presented and received.
- The full CoG meeting was held in Newark in May 2014, with some topics having been fed in to the agenda via the Governor Forum.
- The Trust now has 3 public Governor vacancies following the resignation of Craig Gunton - Day. Governors are supportive of running elections to fill these posts, subject to ratification by a quorum.
- The Newark & Sherwood Governors informal monthly meeting continues and the last meeting was attended by the Chair, Chief Executive and Operations Director of EMAS.

3. Newark By Election

- Following the resignation of Patrick Mercer, MP, a by election in Newark will be held on 5 June 2014. Newark Hospital is one of the popular debating points and the Trust has developed guidelines to ensure that an even handed approach to requests for visits and information from prospective MPs.
- The Board are asked to note that a former Governor has declared as an independent candidate. The same person has placed a motion before Newark Town Council that, amongst other things, Newark Hospital be managed by a combination of UHL and NUH. The CEO, Medical Director, CCG Chief Operation Officer and I met with the Newark Town Council Committee on 21 May 2014 to outline plans for Newark Hospital.

4. Board Development

- The Board is asked to note the contents of Appendix A, which outlines a proposal from Foresight Partnership to perform a review of Board effectiveness. The content of the programme is quite flexible and I would ask that the Board be prepared to discuss this. Also, to note, I have advised Foresight that should we proceed, that the programme would be aimed at completion by the end of November 2014.

5. Sponsorship Support

- The CEO and I received two direct requests for sponsorship support which we agreed was appropriate. The first request was from Hardwick CCG to support a development visit to Namibia for 16 disadvantaged teenagers. A donation of £250 is to be made. Secondly the Trust was asked to sponsor the West Notts College achievement awards ceremony to the tune of £60.

6. Internal visits and “lift stories”

- I spent two half days at MCH on Chatsworth and Oakham Ward respectively.
- I also visited Ward 35 to observe Vitalpac in action. Verbal updates will be made on the above at the Board meeting along with 3 “lift stories” that I was told during my visits within the Trust.

7. Membership Events- March and April 2014

- As agreed by the membership and engagement sub-committee, the focus for this year is on improved engagement with existing members. During March and April 2014 member events, which are also open to the public, took place in Newark and in King’s Mill Hospital.
- Working collaboratively with Lancaster Grange Care Home in Newark, a dementia awareness event was held at the beginning of March. This event offered dementia friends training, along with a variety of information stands showcasing different dementia innovations within the Trust. At the end of March, King’s Mill Hospital hosted a healthy living member event in partnership with EMAS. The event looked at how to keep the heart healthy and the everyday lifestyle changes which can be made to promote healthy living.
- April began with an ankylosing spondylitis member event at King’s Mill Hospital. A multidisciplinary team gave a series of presentations focusing on the diagnosis, symptoms and exercise for AS sufferers. The month closed with Emergency Life Saving Training sessions for members in Newark. Delivered in partnership with EMAS the sessions covered topics to enable participants to confidently deal with a heart crisis, choking and CPR. The sessions were well attended and overall feedback was excellent. Following the success of these sessions, further sessions have been arranged at King’s Mill Hospital in June and July 2014.
- Forthcoming member events include a Healthy Living member event in Newark. Membership engagement stands are also scheduled at both King’s Mill and Newark Hospitals as well as in the community.

8. External relations

- The CEO and I held a routine meeting with Sir Alan Meale MP

- The CEO, the Director of Strategy and Commercial development and I met with Innisfree (PFI provider) and during the meeting some commercial opportunities were identified that may be worthwhile following up.
- I have been supporting EMAS with interviews for Non-Executive Director positions.

Sean Lyons

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