

## Board of Directors Meeting

**Subject:** Chairman's Report  
**Date:** Thursday 27 February 2014  
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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 Objectives (please mark in bold)

<b>Achieve the best patient experience</b>	<b>Achieve financial sustainability</b>
<b>Improve patient safety and provide high quality care</b>	<b>Build successful relationships with external organisations and regulators</b>
<b>Attract, develop and motivate effective teams</b>	

<b>Links to the BAF and Corporate Risk Register</b>	Strategy items impact on all strategic objectives
<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**

The Trust received a letter from Monitor outlining the discussions held at the Progress Review meeting (PRM) on 29 January 2014. The meeting was preceded by a joint meeting with the Trust's Commissioners and Monitor.

At the joint meeting both Chief Officers outlined progress with the Mid Notts Integrated Care Transformation Programme (MNICTP) and referred to areas of alignment and otherwise in respect of specific business cases within the plan. However it was emphasised that there is complete alignment with the overall direction described in the plan.

The residual concern in this latter respect is the impact of the MNICTP on the Trust's October 31 2013 plan. This will be discussed in the private agenda of the 27 February 2014 Board meeting. The Trust has been asked to review the deliverability of its 5 year plan and confirm its position by 28 February 2014.

In terms of governance , Monitor have noted the progress in moving the QGF score down to 4 and expect the Trust to provide satisfactory internally assured evidence that the score is 3.5 or below by the end of March 2014 .

Keogh and CQC progress has been noted.

Notwithstanding the above, Monitor are showing concern around the deliverability of the 5 year plan, the impact of the MNICTP and the approach to PFI support from Commissioners.

Meetings are likely to be held with Monitor, Commissioners, the Local Area Team (LAT) and the Trust to debate these issues, following which Monitor will consider its regulatory position and the use of its regulatory power.

#### **2. CQC Assessment**

The Trust has been informed that the new style CQC inspection, under the auspices of Professor Sir Mike Richards, will take place week commencing 21 April 2014.

This clearly is a hugely important visit for the Trust and the Board is requested to provide every support in the preparation for this inspection.

### **3. Executive Medical Director Appointment**

Since interviews were held for the position of Trust Medical Director on 5 February 2014 with 3 high calibre candidates seen the Trust Board is delighted to welcome Dr Andy Haynes as substantive Executive Medical Director.

### **4. Board Development**

The first Board development day was held on 25 January focusing on the characteristics of high performing Boards and from this 4 key themes for Board focus were developed i.e.

1. Ensuring accountability and Board intelligence
2. Shaping Culture and creating a people strategy
3. Developing an effective internal and external stakeholder engagement strategy
4. Creating and using an effective strategy development process

Outline plans for taking these topics forward are being developed and an update will be given at the Board meeting in February.

### **5. Council of Governors**

The Council of Governors met on 20 February with a full agenda of business, preceded by a meeting to conclude the Governor behaviour investigation mentioned in previous minutes. A verbal update on this meeting will be given at the Board meeting.

### **6. External Relations**

During the period the Chief Executive and I have met with Sir Alan Meale MP and Mark Spencer MP.

**Sean Lyons**

**19 February 2014**