

Board of Directors Meeting

Subject: Chairman's Report
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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)

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

There have been no formal meetings with Monitor during the period, although a PRM teleconference scheduled for 16 January 2014 was postponed in favour of face to face meetings on 29th January 2014, firstly with a joint Trust/CCG meeting, followed by the Trust's PRM.

The Trust/CCG Board to Board meeting on 22 January 2014 will be helpful in positioning the Trust/CCG challenges in the meeting with Monitor.

Information regarding 2014/15 plans to inform liquidity requirements has been requested in January.

In developing this, the forward view on various centrally advised influences, i.e. non high cost drugs and tariff deflator have been built into a revised preliminary iteration of the forward 5 year plan, resulting in year 5 becoming a net loss of ~£4m compared to a gain of ~£2m in the October submission at this stage.

A NED teleconference discussed this on 13 January, with the various risks and mitigations developed at the 11 December Risk Workshop being reconfirmed, and agreeing that the submissions required could go forward at this stage.

Ample Board time will be reserved going forward to receive future iterations of the plan before submission in early April.

Further issues relating to the financial year end will be covered by the CFO's report.

Monitor has requested that the Trust respond to further questions regarding compliance resulting from a questionnaire from the Health and Social Care Information Centre regarding off- payroll arrangements for senior employees.

This response has been provided by the Executive Director of Human Resources.

For noting, Monitor have appointed Conservative Peer Baroness Hanham as Interim Chair and the expectation is that a permanent appointment will be made in the Autumn.

2. External Assurance Board & Quality Governance

Following provision of further evidence and a teleconference, PWC agreed to revise the Quality Governance Framework score from 5 to 4.

Monitor requires the score to be less than 4, so further focus is required to push the score down to this level.

3. Buddying Arrangements

An update will be provided in the CEO report.

4. Board Development

Foresight Partnership has been selected to facilitate the inaugural Board Development Day on 23 January 2014.

5. Council of Governors

The first Governor Training Session covering Roles and Responsibilities, Statutory requirements, etc, was held on 8 January with very positive feedback.

This session will be repeated on 23 January.

Executive Directors will be delivering further modules during the year.

The Lead Governor has announced that he is stepping down from the role and this will precipitate a selection process for a replacement, probably at the next CoG meeting on 20 February.

A Nominations Committee was held on 8 January at which the Chair's objectives and the process for NED performance evaluation were agreed.

The process of investigating whether a Governor had breached the Governors Code of Conduct continued, with a panel review meeting taking place to consider the report of the independent investigator, and the Governor's response.

The recommendations will be put before the CoG for decision on 20 February.

6. Assurance on Care Issue

I verbally mentioned that I had been concerned regarding some aspects of care that a patient, currently on ward 31, had received during his time in ICU.

I have met with Clinical and Nursing leadership to follow this up and I am assured that the issues have been communicated and discussed within the department. The Executive Director of Nursing and Quality has also followed these issues up.

Sean Lyons

22 January 2014