

Board of Directors

Report

Subject: Chairman's Report
Date: Tuesday 22nd December 2015
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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 Priorities (please mark in bold)	
To consistently deliver a high quality patient experience safely and effectively	To develop extended clinical networks that benefit the patients we serve
To eliminate the variability of access to and outcomes from our acute services	To provide efficient and cost-effective services and deliver better value healthcare
To reduce demand on hospital services and deliver care closer to home	

How has organisational learning been disseminated	N/A
Links to the BAF and Corporate Risk Register	N/A
Details of additional risks associated with this paper (may include CQC Essential Standards, NHSLA, NHS Constitution)	N/A
Links to NHS Constitution	N/A
Financial Implications/Impact	N/A
Legal Implications/Impact	N/A
Partnership working & Public Engagement Implications/Impact	N/A
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before	N/A
Monitoring and Review	N/A
Is a QIA required/been completed? If yes provide brief details	N/A

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1. Monitor Activity

Routine weekly meetings with Monitor continue, focussing mainly on resources, QIP progress and the development of Long Term Partnership arrangements.

Also, a joint Trust/CCG/Monitor liaison meeting took place on 3rd December.

A routine monthly Performance Review Meeting took place on 15th December in London.

2. Governor Activities

The full Council of Governors met on 18th November, with a wide range of topics discussed.

The Governors received and approved the 2016 Governor Development Programme which runs between February – October, and these are on a number of optimal modules also for consideration.

The meeting also received a paper regarding the re-election process. In May 2016, 16 Governors come up for re-election if they so choose and in August, this applies to 2 Governors. The paper asked Governors to note that the timetable for the election process would be mid-February and mid-May respectively.

A routine meeting with Newark Governors was held on 9th November.

3. Membership Activities

Meet Your Governor events

The Trust held three Meet Your Governor events in December:

- Monday 7 December, King's Treatment Centre
- Tuesday 15 December, Mansfield Community Hospital
- Wednesday 16 December, Newark Hospital

The events were informal, with Governors hosting information stands in main reception/clinic areas. Patients, visitors, staff and members had the opportunity to find out more about the role of governors as well as asking questions, offering ideas and sharing their experiences.

The events helped gather views to support improvements at the Trust. The Newark event was particularly well attended and provided significant positive feedback about patient experience at Newark Hospital.

Further events will be scheduled in the New Year.

Member Database

The Trust has selected a new provider for its membership database. We are in the process of transferring member details to the new software, which will help improve member communication and engagement.

The new system offers more flexibility and allows detailed information to be recorded. This means the Trust will be able to target information to members' areas of interest and to email and schedule events directly from the database.

The project is near completion and we will report early in the New Year when the system is up and running.

4. Board Workshop

The Board attended a 1½ day workshop facilitated by AQuA in Nottingham on 7th and 8th December.

The focus was on how Boards can help to create a culture of safety in their organisations.

3 other Boards attended what was a very helpful event, and I have captured the main themes in a note to Board members.

A Board Development session will be organised to focus on what key themes we should adopt.

5. Other Activities

It was a pleasure to present Volunteer Long Service Awards for Mansfield Community Hospital and Ashfield Health Village on 2nd December and 10th December respectively.

I was invited to make some opening remarks at a Study Day called 'Linking the Thinking' aimed at gaining greater understanding of dementia and falls. This was organised by Joanne Lewis-Hodgkinson and Lorraine Brooks, and was a successful event by all accounts.

Also, I spent some time with participants on the Franklin Covey Leadership Programme in a plenary session.

The Annual Visits to the Trust's Charity Shops took place on 17th December, it is a privilege to visit these volunteers who spend their year supporting the Trust, and the generosity of the public is gratefully acknowledged.

Sadly, the Trust hosted a memorial service for Sharon Derbyshire who passed away recently. The service marked out how respected and loved Sharon was.

Sean Lyons
Chairman