

# Board of Directors

# Report

**Subject:** Chairman's Report  
**Date:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
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<b>Executive Summary</b> This report provides an update on progress, plans and regulatory developments.	
<b>Recommendation</b> The Board are asked to note the content of this paper.	
<b>Relevant Strategic Priorities (please mark in bold)</b>	
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	

<b>How has organisational learning been disseminated</b>	
<b>Links to the BAF and Corporate Risk Register</b>	
<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**

On 7<sup>th</sup> May, the Trust received the notes and minutes of the monthly PRM meeting held with Monitor on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

The letter helpfully recognises the speed and scale of recent improvements, particularly in A&E performance and the improved quality of presentations and responses to questions. Residual concerns mentioned were preparedness for the forthcoming CQC Inspection, progress of buddying arrangements with RUH Bath, Outpatients backlogs and finance, all of which are receiving urgent attention.

As mentioned in last month's report, the Trust received final signed revised regulatory undertakings on 20<sup>th</sup> April, which committed the Trust to either progress or develop a number of action plans by agreed dates.

These are being progressed and the two plans due at 31<sup>st</sup> May will be delivered on time, these being the Financial Governance Action Plan and the Governance Improvement Action Plan.

I would draw the Board's attention to the fact that the documents received on 20<sup>th</sup> April also discharge the Trust from any further obligation under the Section 106 Discretionary Requirements, which included the 23 point Keogh Action Plan – this is a positive development.

#### **2. Chief Executive/Director of HR**

I am pleased to confirm that on 21st May, the Council of Governors approved the appointment of Karen Fisher as Acting Chief Executive until further notice.

I am sure we all wish Karen well in this appointment.

A replacement for Karen's substantive role is being sought and will be notified in due course.

#### **3. Non Executive Directors**

Following the resignation of Dr Gerry McSorley, interviews for the vacancy have taken place and I am pleased to advise the Board that the Council of Governors has approved the appointment of Mr Neal Gossage for a period of 3 years.

Neal will assume the Chairmanship of the Trust Board Finance Sub Committee.

I would like to record my personal appreciation and that of the Board of Directors and Council of Governors to Dr McSorley for his invaluable support and advice over the past two years. We wish him well for the future.

I have recommended to the Council of Governors that we divide the role of Vice Chairman and Senior Independent Director between two Non Executive Directors. This has been accepted and I am pleased to advise the Board that Dr Peter Marks has accepted the role of Vice Chairman and Tim Reddish has agreed to be Senior Independent Director, effective 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.

#### **4. Turnaround Support**

I can now confirm that in addition to Terry Watson's appointment as Turnaround Director, Helen Flear has been appointed as Recovery Director, and Adrian Ennis is appointed as Director of Programme Management Office. These are interim appointments.

#### **5. Governor Activities**

A Governor Development session was held on 12<sup>th</sup> May which covered Monitor's regulatory position and preparation for the forthcoming CQC Inspection.

Jay Mistry, Regional Manager for Monitor attended the meeting and explained the regulatory position.

Thanks to Susan Bowler, Adam Hayward and Yvonne Simpson for presenting on CQC preparation.

A routine meeting with the Newark based Governors was held on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

The full Council of Governors meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> May at Newark – a verbal account of the meeting will be given at this Board meeting.

#### **6. Membership Update**

The next issue of the new style SFH News is due to be distributed at the end of June. The communications team continues to work towards reducing the number of copies sent out in the post.

Responses to the reader survey continue to be received, with more than 300 responses received to date. Readers were asked their opinion on the types of articles they would like to see and how we could further improve our membership offer.

Although the survey responses are still being input, early analysis indicates that the most popular stories are those relating to new services and information about existing services, with a keen interest for those stories involving patient case studies and facts and figures about departments.

With regards to membership involvement, behind the scene tours and health events for members were popular suggestions.

The communications team is looking to introduce an electronic newsletter @SFH News which will go out in the months between editions of the hard copy newsletter.

The Communications and Membership Officer returns from maternity leave on Monday 1 June, and her immediate focus will be on organising member events for the duration of 2015. Upcoming topics include: dementia awareness, governor clinics and emergency lifesaving skills.

**7. Awards**

It was a pleasure to support the Nurse of the Year Awards held on 15<sup>th</sup> May. 131 nominations were received which almost doubled the previous number.

The ceremony was a truly uplifting event and very positive feedback has been received, and was a fitting end to Nurses Week.

**8. Ward Assurance Visits**

Visits have been made along with the Medical Director to Wards 22, 32 and 36, with feedback given to the CQC preparation team. I have also visited Fernwood, Sconce and Minster wards at Newark Hospital.

**9. Vanguard Visit**

Peter Wozencroft and I represented the Trust at the visit of the New Core Models Team following the recent award of Vanguard Status for the B+T Programme.

**Sean Lyons**  
Chairman

**Date**