

Board of Directors

Report

Subject: Chairman's Report
Date: Thursday 25th June 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	
Links to the BAF and Corporate Risk Register	
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

The Trust has responded as required to Monitor's request to deliver:

- a) Financial Governance Action Plan;
- b) Governance Improvement Action Plan;
- c) Details of Income CIPs;
- d) Date for completion of the Short Term Financial Plan;
- e) Board Succession Plan

These were all submitted by the required dates and feedback is awaited.

An Annual Plan review teleconference is to be held on Monday 22nd June and the Chief Executive will provide an update at the Board meeting.

2. CQC Inspection

The CQC Inspection of the Trust took place from 16th – 19th June and verbal feedback will be given to the Board at this meeting.

I want to pay tribute to the enormous amount of work that staff at all levels have put into the preparations for this inspection. Witnessing the work and enthusiasm has been both humbling and inspirational and I would like to thank everyone involved.

This Trust has improved hugely over recent months and we can only hope that this will be recognised.

3. Extraordinary Board of Directors Meeting

An Extraordinary Private Board meeting was held on 9th June mainly to conduct a Board Self Assessment of the CQC Ratings.

The summary ratings from that review were:

Safe	Effective	Caring	Responsive	Well Led
Good	Good	Good	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement

The review of the lessons learnt from the Lampard Report (Jimmy Savile) were discussed and these are appended to the Chief Executive's report.

4. National Level Announcements & Policy

Early June saw a number of National level announcements:

- a) Controls on Agency Spending

- b) A request to review VSM pay and other proposals
- c) Establishment of a new NHS Success Regime
- d) Monitor's Consultation on the Risk Assessment Framework
- e) Changes to RTT Waiting Time Targets
- f) Publication of Five Year Forward View: Time to Deliver
- g) Speeches from Simon Stevens and Jeremy Hunt

Item b) will be considered by the Trust's Remuneration and Nominations Committee before the end of June, as the Secretary of State has requested a response by then.

Attached is a very helpful summary of the other items, provided by NHS Providers.

5. Membership Activities

The Communications and Membership Officer has now returned from maternity leave and has begun to put together a programme of member events for the coming months. A series of Governor Clinics has been scheduled during July and August to give members the opportunity to meet their governors, learn more about their roles within the Trust and ask any questions they may have. The clinics have been scheduled at both King's Mill and Newark hospitals.

Following on from the success of last year's Emergency Life Saving Training sessions which were ran in collaboration with East Midlands Ambulance Service, further sessions have been set up over the summer. We will also be delivering these sessions out in Derbyshire to improve our engagement in that area.

Other events are in the pipeline including topics on cyberchondria, diabetes and men's health.

6. Governor Activities

The regular Governor's Performance and Strategy meeting took place on 9th June, under the chairmanship of Andy March.

Governors attended a focus group session with the CQC on 17th June – thanks to those who participated.

Special thanks to Dr Nigel Nice, Public Governor for Newark who supported the Trust by attending the opening presentation and joint interview with Dr Peter Marks, Vice Chairman. He also attended the Governor Focus Group.

As part of communications development, I am now holding a post-Board dial in with Governors, which is also recorded and available on the Governor portal.

Also, Governors have been issued with business cards which hopefully will be useful for them in establishing connections with the public.

The 4th June Governor Training Session was used to update Governors on the preparation for the forthcoming CQC Inspection.

7. National Volunteers Week

The National Volunteers Week was held from 1st – 5th June and it was a pleasure to work with Volunteers and express the thanks of the Trust for all their hard work.

8. League of Friends of Newark AGM

The AGM of the League of Friends of Newark was held on 11th June and it was a privilege to attend along with colleagues and the Lead Governor and to pass on the thanks of the Trust for their continued support.

9. Ward Assurance Visits

Several visits took place to various wards and a verbal update will be given at the Board meeting.

Sean Lyons
Chairman

Date: 18th June 2015