

Board of Directors Meeting

Subject: Chief Executive's Report
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Executive Summary

This report provides an update on the latest issues affecting the Trust.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the content of this paper and specifically where verbal updates will be given at the Board meeting.

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	
Details of additional risks associated with this paper (<i>may include CQC Essential Standards, NHSLA, NHS Constitution</i>)	N/A
Links to NHS Constitution	N/A
Financial Implications/Impact	N/A
Legal Implications/Impact	N/A
Partnership working & Public Engagement Implications/Impact	
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

1. Newark Hospital

A record number of 650 people attended the Newark Hospital Open Day on Saturday 14 June. Patients and members of the public were invited to take a look behind the scenes, with tours of various departments, including theatres, radiology, minor injuries unit/urgent care centre, Sherwood Women's Centre and the Mercia Doughty Endoscopy Centre. The Bramley Children's Unit was host to a teddy bear clinic, treating 60 teddies over the course of the day.

It was also encouraging to see healthcare partners join us at the event to showcase the hospital, including the Friends of Newark Hospital, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Nottinghamshire Community Police, Our Centre and Health Community Support Groups.

I have emailed all staff at Newark to say thank you to them for showcasing the fantastic services at Newark Hospital during the open day, as well as during the many party political visits which took place in the run up to the recent Newark by-election. The intensity of the last few weeks should not be underestimated and I am grateful to the staff for quite obviously going the extra mile to proudly show Newark Hospital at its very best.

Please also see the attached letter of thanks received from the Rt Hon Ed Milliband MP at Appendix A.

2. Human Tissue Authority Report on Compliance

We have recently received the site visit inspection report for King's Mill Hospital on our compliance with the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) minimum standards.

I am pleased to report that the HTA found our premises and practices to be suitable in accordance with the requirements of the legislation, and that we were found to have met all of the applicable HTA standards.

Examples of strengths and good practice were included in the concluding comments section of the report.

Strengths included relevant staff demonstrating a good understanding of regulatory requirements, these staff extended beyond the department of cellular pathology and included several other departments.

The report also contained advice for us to consider to further improve our practices. This advice included staff being asked not to use liquid correction fluid in the mortuary register, and to use the HTA reportable incidents system more proactively in order to monitor and manage risk.

Our thanks go to the teams involved in ensuring we have met these important standards and to the Head of Service who is putting together an action plan to include the areas to further improve our practices.

A copy of the HTA's report can be found at Appendix B.

3. Congratulatory letter from East Midlands Academic Health Science Network

We have recently received a letter of congratulations from Professor Rachel Munton, Managing Director of East Midlands Academic Health Science Network on our success at being awarded almost £200,000 for Medway Maternity in the first round of the Nursing Technology Fund.

This award is part of £2.1M from the technology fund announced for the East Midlands – demonstrating the high degree of innovation and ambition within NHS organisations throughout the East Midlands.

The £191,000 we have been awarded is to support the rollout of our VitalPAC system – the innovative software system that enables nurses to record clinical data on handheld iPod devices at the patient’s bedside. We are the first Trust in the East Midlands to introduce VitalPAC and have already benefitted from a great deal of positive local and regional media coverage.

The Health Science Network has asked to discuss with us the work of our team about the possibility of championing what has worked well here so that it can be shared more widely within the East Midlands.

Once again, thanks to the team who are working on the implementation of our VitalPAC project.

4. Celebrating success – shortlisted for Nursing Times Award

I would like to congratulate Adam Hayward, Practice Development Matron – Dementia and Shantell Miles, Practice Development Matron who are finalists in this year’s Nursing Times Awards. Adam and Shantell have been recognised in the Enhancing Patient Dignity category for their work to improve the care provided to some of our most vulnerable elderly patients.

The judges are still reviewing some of the other categories and so we await to hear about the other two entries we have submitted.

5. Star of the Month

I am delighted to announce that Lisa Welham, Office Manager, Occupational Health Department has recently received the “Star of the Month” award for March 2014. The citation leading to Lisa’s award was as follows:

Lisa Welham, Office Manager, Occupational Health Department

Nominated by Jean Townley, Occupational Health Nurse

I would like to nominate our office manager, Lisa Welham who works in Occupational Health, as Star of the Month for April.

Whilst out running around the reservoir last week she came across a lady floating in the water. Without any thought to herself she jumped in and managed to pull this lady out who unfortunately was apparently trying to commit suicide, and saved her life. Once the lady was safe Lisa continued to take charge of the situation and actioned an ambulance and, from the crowd that had gathered, warm clothing for the lady and stayed with her until help arrived. This was Lisa’s day off, thank God it was!!

Paul O’Connor
Chief Executive