

TRUST BOARD
1st May 2014

TITLE	Chairman's Report
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	The report presents highlights of recent activities.
BOARD ASSURANCE (Risk) / IMPLICATIONS	N/a
STAKEHOLDER / PATIENT IMPACT AND VIEWS	The report refers to meetings with external stakeholders.
LINK TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	Report encompasses reference to all Trust Strategic Objectives.
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES	N/a
LEGAL ISSUES	None known.
The Trust Board is asked to:	Receive the report.
Submitted by:	Aileen McLeish, Chairman
Date:	25 th April 2014
Decision:	To Receive

Chairman's Report

April 2014

Andrew Liles

I am very sorry to confirm that Andrew Liles has decided to step down from his role of Chief Executive of Ashford and St Peter's NHS Foundation Trust. Andrew has been in this role for over 5 years and has led a winning team delivering high quality services while ensuring the Trust continued to be financially stable organisation. Just this month he was listed as one of the Health Service Journal's top 50 Chief Executives for provider organisations in the NHS in England. I would like to record my personal thanks for everything Andrew has done for patients and this Trust. Andrew will continue in post until the end of August.

In the meantime the process to recruit his successor has started. This is being led by the Nominations Committee which has been expanded to include all the Non-Executive Directors. We are receiving support and advice from a working group of Governors. The position was advertised last week and we hope to be in a position to present a preferred candidate for approval at the June meeting of the Council of Governors.

Partnership with Royal Surrey County Hospital

Work is continuing on assessing the benefits of closer working with Royal Surrey. An update will be provided at the Board meeting regarding where these discussions have progressed to.

During the month I have been involved in a number of meetings to brief local stakeholders. Andrew Liles and I, along with Nick Moberley and Peter Dunt, respectively our counterparts at Royal Surrey, briefed Jonathan Lord MP for Woking. I met with Seema Malhotra MP for Feltham and also used the opportunity to show her our newly refurbished Outpatients Department at Ashford. Deputy Chief Executive Valerie Bartlett, Medical Director, David Fluck and myself included in a briefing of Elmbridge Councillors an explanation of the benefits of closer working with Royal Surrey. Peter Dunt and I briefed Surrey County Councillor with responsibility for Adult Social Care, Michael Gosling. Andrew Liles and I briefed Spelthorne Council Leader, Robert Watts and Chief Executive, Roberto Tambini.

I have also been involved in briefings and discussions with colleagues within ASPH.

Team ASPH - Staff Achievement Awards

This was a very happy celebration. Colleagues enjoyed a high tea with champagne while being entertained by a harpist and a magician. I was delighted to help present awards for many examples of excellent care as well as long term service awards. Particular congratulations to Kirsty Addison, Midwife, who won the Chairman's award for outstanding patient care. We are grateful to Derek Williams, the founder and CEO of WOW! awards, who so ably hosted the event. Thank you also to Judith Thompson and her team who put so much work into making the event such a success

Incident in St Peter's Hospital Car Park

On 14th March there was a major incident in the Main Outpatients' car park resulting from a car crash. Two patients were airlifted to St George's Hospital and a third was treated in our hospital.

Thank you to all our staff who responded quickly to the situation and worked closely with the emergency services on the day.

Julie Callin

I met with Julie, as she will be leaving the Trust as Head of Therapies at ASPH for her new role as Service Manager for Hounslow Urgent Care Centre (part of Greenbrooks Healthcare).

Consultant Appointments

It has been a busy month for appointment panels. We have appointed Vinod Gangwani as an Ophthalmology Consultant; Sylwia Niewiarowski, Demitrios Tzias and Shirish Prabhudesai as Radiology consultants; and Rishi Chana as Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon. These are all excellent appointments and we look forward to welcoming these colleagues to the Trust

Governors

We have held a meeting with Governors to review our Constitution, to brief them on our partnership with Royal Surrey and to consider the action plans in response to the results of the staff survey. We also helped arrange a joint training event for Governors from ASPH, Royal Surrey, Frimley Park, Kingston and Heatherwood & Wexham Park foundation trusts

Other

I, and other Non-Executive Directors, met with Lay Members of North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group. This was our first meeting with our counterparts at our principal commissioners and it was an opportunity to discuss with them our Trust's performance and plans.

I attended meetings of the Charitable Funds Committee and the Finance Committee.

I helped host a visit by Professor Tim Briggs to our Trauma and Orthopaedics Department. Professor Briggs is President of the British Orthopaedic Organisation and he has been visiting all Orthopaedic Departments in NHS England to preview the results of the forthcoming report on the countrywide performance of this clinical service. He gave useful feedback on how our Department is performing compared with our peers.

I represented the Trust at a lunch with the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Dame Sarah Gove, at the Annual Dinner of the Egham Show and at the Woking Borough Council Civic Reception.

I had meetings with former Surrey LiNKs Chairman Cliff Bush, with local health campaigner Karin Perluso and with Surrey Deputy Lieutenant, Nick Wood-Dow.

Congratulations to colleagues at Radio Wey for winning three awards at the annual National Hospital Radio Awards.

Thank you to Ashford Hospital League of Friends for their generous donation of £2,500 to improve the waiting area in the Rapid Access Centre (RAC) This donation has helped us replace the old mismatched furniture with a set of new brightly-coloured chairs and coffee tables. The waiting area is now somewhere we are proud to ask patients to wait in. Colleagues have had lots of feedback from patients who say the chairs are comfortable, bright and cheery.