Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS
NHS Trust

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TITLE	**Chief Executive's Report**
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	General overview of issue/developments
BOARD ASSURANCE (Risk) / IMPLICATIONS	n/a
STAKEHOLDER / PATIENT IMPACT AND VIEWS	Positive engagement of local stakeholders in Interventional Suite opening
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES	n/a
LEGAL ISSUES	n/a
The Trust Board is asked to:	Note the report
Submitted by:	Andrew Liles
Date:	16th March 2010
Decision:	For Noting

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Trust overview

The Trust is approaching the end of the current financial year in a strong position, with the best overall performance for some years. We have declared our compliance with the Care Quality Commission's standards for registration and are anticipating that we will achieve a green rating against the Monitor Compliance Framework by year end, which will be crucial as we continue our application to become a Foundation Trust.

Key performance areas for the Trust to focus on going forward include maintaining our 4 hour A&E target, keeping MRSA bacteraemia down to a record low (currently 8 against our target of 14, with only 3 of these hospital acquired), and single sex accommodation. We have recently declared and published our compliance in virtually eliminating mixed sex accommodation across our two hospital sites and we have drawn up a robust action plan to sustain this as we move forward.

We will be moving into the new financial year in a strong position, albeit within an extremely challenging economic climate and some uncertainty, at least in the short-term, regarding our main commissioner, NHS Surrey, and their ongoing management changes.

Recent news and developments

GP Spotlight Seminar – Cardiology

Around 40 local GPs attended our most recent Spotlight Seminar, held at Foxhills earlier this month, where they heard a series of talks from our cardiology consultants. After an introduction from Dr David Fluck, Dr Riyaz Kaba gave a talk on the use of electrophysiology, followed by presentations by Dr Ian Beeton on advanced cardiac imaging, primary angioplasty to treat heart attacks from Dr Adam Jacques and Dr Sola Odemuyiwa before closing remarks by Dr Peter Wilkinson. Such events help to inform local GPs of the range of services we offer here at the Trust, and help to further strengthen our relationships with them. This was probably the most successful Spotlight Seminar to date, with more planned for later this year targeting key clinical areas, including Paediatrics.

Chertsey Masterplan receives planning approval from Runnymede Borough Council

The Chertsey Masterplan, our long-term vision for the St. Peter's Hospital site, submitted to the planning authority (on behalf of ourselves and Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust) was approved by Runnymede Borough Council at a public planning meeting on 10th March.

Now that it has been approved, we will be able to submit further detailed plans for individual developments that fit within this larger picture, beginning with an application for two additional car parking decks (one to be situated above the existing car park outside the Abbey wing, and a second at the back of the hospital's Medical Assessment Unit). The Masterplan will also allow us to demolish the old Ramp buildings which are some way past their prime and are no longer used for inpatient care, to be replaced by a modular building elsewhere on the site to house many of our back office functions.

Interventional Suite opening
Earlier this month, we officially opened our new £800,000 Interventional Suite at St. Peter's Hospital, with Consumer Affairs reporter from BBC TV's 'The One Show,' Lucy Siegle. The new suite, which houses a state-of-the-art 'C'arm scanner, puts the Trust at the forefront of interventional radiology in the United Kingdom and allows a whole variety of specialist interventional procedures to be performed including kyphoplasty - work on the vertebrae of the spinal cord; complex biopsies; aspiration of abscesses; vascular and arterial work. Apart from scheduled sessions it will also be available for emergency cases seven days a week, during the day.

Around 30 local stakeholders attended the formal opening, including the Mayors of Woking and Surrey Heath, local councillors, patient representatives and others. The event also received good local media coverage.

Ongoing recycling programme
Nine months ago we introduced around 100 new recycling bins across our two hospitals – in conjunction with Coca Cola Enterprises and Surrey County Council. In that time, we have managed to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill sites by over 160 tonnes, which is a tremendous achievement. This not only saves us money – around £37,000 to date – but also makes a major contribution to the 'green' agenda. This savings figure has exceeded our projections and we continue to encourage staff to recycle and dispose of all waste appropriately.

Refurbishment of main reception and outpatients at St Peter's
Refurbishment work is continuing at St Peter's in both outpatients and the main reception at St. Peter's Hospital. In the outpatient department on Level 3 a centralised reception area has been created making it easier for patients to book in for their appointments. The main front entrance is now being refurbished, with a brand new reception desk, new flooring and redecoration. The whole look and feel has been designed to be more welcoming to patients and visitors and will be modern and fresh in its design.

Meetings and visits

I have attended meetings of the North West Surrey Transformational Board, a South East Coast event on developing an operating model for the region, and the Surrey Repatriation Steering Group. I also chaired the South East Coast Strategic Leadership and Talent Steering Group, and was part of our own Clinical Excellence Awards Panel. I also attended a Surrey wide pathology meeting to discuss future plans for a possible integrated pathology network and met with all the Surrey NHS Chief Executives.

I have had individual meetings with Paul Turrell, Chief Executive of Runnymede Borough Council, and Ann Sutton, the new Interim Chief Executive at NHS Surrey (following Chris Butler's departure to take up the position of Interim Managing Director for the Commissioning Support Unit across the South East Coast).

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