

**TRUST BOARD**  
**25<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	The report presents highlights of recent activities.
<b>BOARD ASSURANCE (Risk) / IMPLICATIONS</b>	N/a
<b>STAKEHOLDER / PATIENT IMPACT AND VIEWS</b>	The report refers to meetings with external stakeholders.
<b>LINK TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE</b>	Report encompasses reference to all Trust Strategic Objectives.
<b>EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES</b>	N/a
<b>LEGAL ISSUES</b>	None known.
<b>The Trust Board is asked to:</b>	Receive the report.
<b>Submitted by:</b>	Aileen McLeish, Chairman
<b>Date:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> July 2013
<b>Decision:</b>	To Receive

## Chairman's Report

### Performance

We were all very pleased to achieve the A&E target of 95% of people being treated within four hours. This was a big boost for all our staff who have worked so hard to make it happen. Planning is well advanced for a number of changes in and around our A&E Department so that we can deal with the numbers of patients expected in the future. A new ambulatory care unit is planned for St Peter's Hospital, where patients needing only a short assessment can be treated. There are plans to expand the Paediatric A&E giving more capacity to treat our youngest patients. A lot of work is going on with community care and social services to improve the care available to our frail elderly patients enabling them to be discharged with the right support in the familiar surroundings of their own home. More about these initiatives will be covered in other parts of the agenda.

The current run of exceptionally warm weather is a reminder that we need to have agility to cope with increased attendances at all times of the year.

### Board and Governors

We are progressing well with our recruitment of a new Non-Executive Director to replace Peter Taylor later this year. We had strong interest from many excellent candidates and at the time of writing are planning to interview six shortlisted candidates. A lot of time has been spent meeting the shortlisted candidates and preparing for the interviews. The Council of Governors' Nominations and Appointments Committee will be meeting next week to agree a recommendation to be put to the full Council meeting in September.

Earlier this month we had a meeting of the Council of Governors to receive the Annual Report and Accounts. This was an opportunity for our Governors to receive a report on our performance during the last financial year as well as quiz the Auditors on any concerns they might have about the accounts.

### Annual Members Meeting

Last week we held our Annual Members Meeting. Despite the exceptionally hot weather this was well attended. Members had an opportunity to tour the newly refurbished Outpatients Department at Ashford. Now nearly complete, the space has been transformed into a modern welcoming facility. There was also a range of stands for members to visit, covering topics as diverse as the latest information technology, food for our patients, hygiene, infection control, the new nursing strategy as well as our planned new Midwifery Led Unit. David Elliot, Divisional Director for Trauma and Orthopaedics, gave a brief overview of this clinically important area within Ashford and St Peter's. David Frank, Lead Governor, explained the changing role of Governors and the meeting confirmed the changes to the Constitution which have been made in response to the new Health and Social Care Act. The reports on the performance during 2012/13 were generally well received. There was a range of questions from the audience, largely positive, but concerns were raised about agency staff, cancellations of operations as well as a suggestion for Governors to hold "surgeries" in their constituencies. The feedback at the end was very positive.

## Other

I spent a morning on **Trauma and Orthopaedics**, attending the early morning review of patients and sitting in on the fracture clinic. It was interesting to see how well the team worked together both in the earlier meeting and in the clinic. It was also a great opportunity to talk to many of the patients and find out about their experiences of the hospitals.

I was pleased to attend the opening of the new **Cancer Information and Support Room** at St Peter's Hospital. The opening was performed by Diana Moran, who as well as being famous as the Green Goddess on Breakfast Time (Britain's first breakfast show in the 80's) is also a member of our Patients Panel. Diana was joined by the Mayors of Runnymede and Spelthorne, respectively Councillor Yvonna Lay and Councillor Isabel Napper.

On behalf of the Ashford and St Peter's Charitable Fund, I was delighted to receive a donation of £1,285 from **Ham Nawa**, a community group affiliated with the Shah Jahan mosque in Woking. Members of the Ham Nawa group, which means 'Like Minded Friends' organise social events every year and choose a local organisation or charity to support.

I attended the annual conference of the **Royal College of Physicians** entitled "Leading Change".

I represented the Trust at the funeral of **Michael Wheatley**, former Chairman of St Peter's Hospital.

**St Peter's Day:** I joined the annual celebrations of this event held at the Multi-Faith Centre at St Peter's Hospital.

I attended a meeting of **Surrey Chairmen**. This group has been expanded by the health provider sector to include Chairmen of the Surrey Clinical Commissioning Groups and representatives from Virgin Care and Four Seasons (one of Surrey's largest care home operators). The focus of discussions was around how we deal with the challenge of providing healthcare to the frail elderly population within Surrey.

I attended a meeting of the **NHS Confederation** - Working Longer Review.

Aileen McLeish  
Chairman  
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