

TRUST BOARD
27th August 2010

TITLE	Chairman's Report
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	Highlights of activities since July 2010
BOARD ASSURANCE (Risk) / IMPLICATIONS	Refers to progressing the Foundation Trust Application which is an element on the BAF
STAKEHOLDER / PATIENT IMPACT AND VIEWS	Refers to meetings with external stakeholders
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES	None known
LEGAL ISSUES	None known
The Trust Board is asked to:	Note the report.
Submitted by:	Aileen McLeish
Date:	19 August 2010
Decision:	For Noting

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26th August 2010**Chairman's Report**

This month is a shorter report due to Annual Leave

Foundation Trust application

A formal kick off meeting with Monitor took place on 19th August. We are now in an intensive period of review with Monitor which, in terms of site visits and individual meetings we expect to last for 5 weeks. All being well we hope to achieve registration as a Foundation Trust by the end of the calendar year.

We continue to prepare for the elections of our Governors as it is important that we have our Council of Governors in place before we are registered as a Foundation Trust. A full round of information meetings have taken place and we have been reassured by the continuing high level of interest particularly from our public members. The elections have now been formally called and nominations for candidates have been requested by 16 September. In the meantime NHS Surrey and Runnymede Council have nominated Graham Hanson and Councillor Meares respectively as their stakeholder governors. We continue to encourage NHS Hounslow and Woking Council for their nominations for Stakeholder Governors. We hope to have our "shadow" Council of Governors in place by the 2nd week of November.

We recognise this final stage of our Foundation Trust application will be tough, but are confident we have the ability to pass through it.

Importantly our performance remains strong, although it is very disappointing that we have now recorded our 5th MRSA infection for the Trust. This is an area of constant vigilance by all.

Other

Andrew Liles and I had a meeting with Alan Keen MP for Feltham. This was our first opportunity to meet Alan and brief him on the significant progress we have made at Ashford and St Peter's and in particular the benefits we have from our two site configuration. We were assured by Alan that it is some time since he has heard any concerns from constituents about our hospitals.

Andrew and I also hosted a visit to St Peter's by David Clayton-Smith the new Chairman of NHS Surrey. This was a good opportunity to brief him on the progress we are making as well as show him some of the excellent clinical services we provide. We took him on a brief tour of our Cardiology and Radiology departments where he was able to speak to clinicians, staff and patients.

Finally it is good to see that the former West Wing of Ashford Hospital is at last been demolished. It is nearly three years since we sold this part of the hospital and the building had increasingly becoming an eyesore dominating the access to our site from the A30.

Submitted by: Aileen McLeish 19 August 2010