

TRUST BOARD
28th May 2012

TITLE	Chairman's Report
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	Highlights of activities since April 2012 including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Four Hour A&E performance ▪ Inpatient survey results ▪ Governors ▪ Surrey Atrial Fibrillation Conference ▪ St Peter's Hospital exhibition at Chertsey Museum ▪ Nurse prescribing study day ▪ League of Friends
BOARD ASSURANCE (Risk) IMPLICATIONS	/ N/A
STAKEHOLDER / PATIENT IMPACT AND VIEWS	Refers to meetings with external stakeholders. Highlights the programme of Members' Health Events
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES	None known
LEGAL ISSUES	None known
The Trust Board is asked to:	Note the report.
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Decision:	For Noting

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Four Hour A&E performance

This remains one of our major priorities. Progress on actions being taken throughout the Trust to bring our performance back in line with target is reported elsewhere in the meeting. It is pleasing to record that we have now achieved four weeks of performing within the target. With the bed capacity this is releasing we are achieving a calmer environment on the wards giving a better experience for patients and staff. It remains early days, and we are still experiencing occasional days when performance dips below the target. Our challenge is to sustain the gains we have made into consistent performance ahead of plan. This will be a primary focus for the Board.

Inpatient survey results

These will also be reported on elsewhere in the meeting. It is pleasing to note that we are making steady progress with this. However, to realise our ambition to be one of the best Trusts in the country, we need to be providing patients with excellence service in all aspects of our care. Over 80% of our staff have now attended the "Living our Values" workshops, which are designed to help individuals and teams to see our care from the patients' perspective and consider how we can all improve. Improving patient experience will remain a major focus for the Board.

Governors

We held a meeting of the Council of Governors earlier this month. At the meeting the Council confirmed the reappointment of myself as Chairman and Professor Philip Beesley, Peter Taylor and Terry Price as Non-Executive Directors when our current terms of office end later this year. All the reappointments are for 3 years with the exception of Peter Taylor who, following his request to serve a shorter term, has been reappointed until the end of July 2013.

The Council of Governors also confirmed the reappointment of KPMG as the external auditors of the Trust. This followed an extensive tender exercise which was led by Governors, supported by Terry Price, Chairman of the Audit Committee and also Finance and Procurement staff.

Other topics covered at the Council meeting included progress on achieving the 4 hour A&E target, the staff survey results, progress on the proposed Epsom merger, the impact of changes in Pathology as we transition to a Surrey wide service and a review of how the Board assures itself on quality. The Governors also agreed to membership of a new working group to review the Trust's constitution in the light of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

I am sorry to report that Graham Hanson is stepping down as Stakeholder Governor representing NHS Surrey. This follows changes in Non-Executive Director responsibilities at NHS Surrey. I look forward to welcoming Graham's replacement, Sarah Betteley.

Surrey Atrial Fibrillation Conference

I was very pleased to attend this conference which had been organised by Doctor Riyaz Kaba, Consultant Cardiologist and Head of Research and Development at ASPH and Dr Isaac John, Deputy Head of Research and Development. Among the speakers we had attracted international and national figures such as Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, internationally renowned heart transplant surgeon, Professor John Camm, Professor of Clinical Cardiology at St Georges University of London, Dr Richard Healicon, a national NHS Improvement Lead, Dr T P Chua Consultant Cardiologist and Clinical Director from the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Dr Roopen Arya Lead Clinician of Haematological Medicine at Kings College Hospital and Dr Vias Markides Consultant Cardiologist from Harefield Hospital. They were joined by other speakers from Surrey and a representative from the Atrial Fibrillation Association, representing the patients' viewpoint. Not surprisingly it was a popular and successful event, which we plan to repeat next year. As a mark

of the success, Prof Sir Magdi Yacoub has invited all the speakers to submit papers to an international peer reviewed journal for publication.

We used the occasion to announce the results of a competition to design a new logo for the ASPH's Research and Development department. This was an open competition which received 30 entries. The winner was a contractor to the Trust, Richard Entract, with runners up Consultant Anaesthetist Alenka Miles and member of Housekeeping Department, Edwin Arabaca Jr.

St Peter's Hospital exhibition at Chertsey Museum

I was very pleased to open an exhibition on the history of St Peter's hospital at the Chertsey Museum. The recent demolition of much of the Ramp meant that space had to be cleared and a number of objects relating to past life at the hospital were given to Chertsey Museum. Originally built in the 1930s as part of the war effort, the Ramp originally housed drafty wards which became the centre of the modern hospital that is now St. Peter's. The site of St. Peter's Hospital was once home to Botleys Park, one of many large country estates built across the borough in the 18th century. This exhibition highlights some of the steps taken from stately home to state of the art healthcare.

Work on the exhibition has been a collaboration between Chertsey Museum and a number of volunteers led by Jane O'Kill. The exhibition is open until April 2013 and is well worth a visit.

Nurse prescribing study day

I attended the Nurse Prescribing Day organised by ASPH and led by Sharon Kitcat for nurse prescribers from across Surrey. This study day coincided with the national announcement of expanded nurse prescribing powers. It was a worthwhile meeting and interesting to sit in on the discussion around the role these nurses play in coaching junior doctors.

League of Friends

Friends of St Peter's Hospital: I would like to offer my thanks and very best wishes to Jim McCall, who has recently announced his retirement as Chair of the St Peter's Hospital League of Friends.

Jim has been Chair for nearly 5 and a half years and under his capable and committed leadership the Friends have continued to support staff and patients, raising considerable sums of money for much needed equipment and other improvements. During Jim's Chairmanship, the Friends celebrated their 500th meeting and will shortly be celebrating their 60th anniversary.

Over the past few years the Friends' donations to the Trust have included a wide range of items big and small. Some of the larger donations have included equipment for ITU and theatres, bariatric equipment, a £50,000 contribution towards our new lithotripter, neonatal equipment, the refurbishment of some of our patient areas including the Chapel Garden, portable ECG monitors, cardio exercise bicycles, a batch of 30 syringe drivers and more recently helping with the new Simulation Suite at Ashford Hospital.

On behalf of the Trust Board I would like to thank Jim for his tireless work and to wish him all the very best in the future.

Friends of Ashford Hospital: I was pleased to accept an invitation to the 50th birthday celebrations of the Friends. The evening party was hosted by joint Chairmen John Belstead and Simon Bhadye with some 100 people attending and enjoying themselves. It is clear that there remains strong active support for the Friends who are looking forward to the forthcoming opening of a new shop manned by volunteers that will raise funds for the benefit of Ashford Hospital.

We will continue to work with the Friends of both hospitals to find new ways of working and to support them in their work on behalf of our patients and staff.

Other

I would like to welcome **Simon Marshall** who has joined the Board as Director of Finance and Information during the month.

I represented the Trust at the Royal Holloway College Honorary Fellows ceremony and dinner. I attended the following meetings during the last month: *The Foundation Trust Network Quality Governance Workshop*; a seminar on *Provider readiness – the challenge for small and medium sized hospitals* at the Kings Fund; the *Oxford NHS Chairs group* at the Said Business School; the *Foundation Trust Network Quality Group*.

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Chairman