

**TRUST BOARD**  
**28<sup>th</sup> June 2012****TITLE** Chairman's Report**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Highlights of activities since May 2012 including

- Operational Performance
- Governors and Membership
- Epsom Hospital

**BOARD ASSURANCE**  
**(Risk) / IMPLICATIONS** N/A**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:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012**Decision:** For Noting

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**Chairman's Report**

### **Operational Performance**

Our Four Hour A&E performance continues to be a major priority for the Board. It is good to see that we have seen an improvement in A&E waiting times. However we are still at the early stages of the project and it is essential that we implement the changes needed to deliver consistent high quality care to all our patients. We are grateful for the support of the ECIST team, a group of experienced practitioners who work with Trusts across the country.

During the month myself and other Non-Executives joined colleagues at the two ECIST debriefings, both to support and review progress. A full update of progress on this key project will be made at the Board meeting.

The Trust received a follow up inspection from the Care Quality Commission on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Initial feedback confirmed that many of the issues raised at their last visit in December had been resolved. At the time of writing we have yet to receive their draft report.

### **Governors and Membership**

Following the passing of the Health and Social Care Act earlier this year the Board and Council of Governors are turning their attention to the changes which the Act heralds and how we can best fulfil our responsibilities in future. Planning is underway for a seminar scheduled for next month when Directors and Governors will come together review the changes and their impact.

The Trust had a stand at the *Ashford on the Map* fair on the Jubilee weekend. Thank s to Anu Sehdev and her husband for manning the stand throughout what turned out to be a very wet day. Myself and Governors Simon Bhadye and Brian Catt provided support at different times during the day. We had some success n recruiting a number of new members at the event.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee met to review the process for make nominations to the Council of Governors, taking account of the experiences of the recent reappointments of Non-Executive Directors to the Board.

During the month Andrew Liles and I had an informal meeting with Governors to answer any concerns they had and update them on developments in the Trust.

Woking Council's Stakeholder Governor, Michael Smith is Mayor of Woking this year. I was delighted to represent the Trust at the Mayor's Civic Service.

### **Epsom Hospital**

We were pleased to be named as preferred partners by the Transaction Board. This opens the doors to a merger with Epsom Hospital and enables us to work closely with Epsom staff in starting to plan a future together. However we are still negotiating the financial settlement and regulatory approval will be needed before the merger of the two organisations can go ahead. In the last few days we have heard that the Competition and Co-operation Panel has started to review our merger. We will need a favourable ruling from them before we can progress to the next stage.

There has been a lot of activity this month with meetings between staff from both Trusts. Andrew Liles and I joined the Epsom Hospital team briefing to update staff and respond to questions. We also had a meeting with the Chairman and Chief Executive of Epsom and St Helier Trust.

## Other

I represented the Trust at both Surrey's County Service of Celebration for the Diamond Jubilee of HM The Queen and the Surrey Local Government Dinner.

I chaired interview panels for the appointment of 2 new consultants and appointed Mr Andrew Cruise as a new Ear Nose and Throat surgeon and Dr Jan Coebergh as a new Consultant Neurologist. In addition, Non-Executive Director Jim Gollan chaired the interview panel for a new Consultant neurophysiologist which resulted in the appointment of Dr Mohammed Mansoor. All three will be excellent additions to our consultant body.

I met with Consultant microbiologist Nicky Kirk who is retiring from the Trust after 28 years service.

I attended the latest module of the development programme for Foundation Trust Chairs organised by Cass business school.

I welcomed Denise Harker, newly appointed Chairman of Medway Foundation Trust, to St Peter's Hospital. They are also merging with a neighbouring Trust and therefore we had many areas of common interest to discuss.

I was a guest of the Trustees of the Hashim Welfare Hospital to discuss the progress of the hospital in Pakistan and help their plans for their Annual General meeting in July. The Trust has provided advice and support the hospital since they started some eleven years ago. Their Trustees are keen to build on the success of the last 2 years' AGMs when they have filled the main room of the H G Wells centre in Woking. The AGM takes place next month.

Aileen McLeish  
Chairman