

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

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	The report presents highlights of activities in April 2013.
<b>BOARD ASSURANCE (Risk) / IMPLICATIONS</b>	N/a
<b>STAKEHOLDER / PATIENT IMPACT AND VIEWS</b>	The report refers to meetings with external stakeholders.
<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> April 2013
<b>Decision:</b>	To Receive.

## Chairman's Report

April 2013

### Performance

As expected, we hit all our external performance targets with the exception of the A&E waiting time target. In this case, although we achieved the 95% target for the full year, we only achieved 92% in Quarter 4. This was very disappointing after all the excellent work earlier in the year to improve our working processes and match our available resources to the needs of our patients. This will be discussed elsewhere in the agenda for this meeting.

During the month we received the results of the latest inpatient survey. It was reassuring that we continue to make positive, albeit small progress. As with the staff survey, there is still much to be done to move the Trust into being a top quartile performer.

### Staff

During the month I chaired three panels for appointing new consultants. Congratulations to Brendon Affley who has been appointed as lead Stroke Consultant, and to Ramu Muniraju who was appointed to a Consultant post in the Ophthalmology Dept. At the time of writing the panel for the appointment of a new Paediatric Consultant is due to take place.

### Governors

For the first time we held a meeting of just the Governors and the Non-Executive Directors. This was an opportunity for the Governors to hold the Non-Executives to account for the performance of the Board, a responsibility which has been reinforced in the Health and Social Care Act 2012. We had a wide ranging set of discussions which gave the Non-Executive Directors the opportunity to assure the Governors about their contribution to the activities of the Board.

I have started a process of inviting all Governors to one-to-one meetings with myself so that I can understand the key issues concerning individual Governors as well as their training and development needs. The first of these meetings took place during the month.

A meeting was held of the Nominations Committee to agree the process and criteria for finding a replacement for Peter Taylor who will be stepping down from the Board in October.

### Other

I attended a meeting of the Integrated Governance and Audit Committee (IGAC). This completes a cycle of my attendance at all the main Board Committee meetings to review how they are carrying out their functions.

I accompanied Chief Nurse Suzanne Rankin and project lead Sally Greensmith on a tour of most of the wards at St Peter's Hospital looking at the progress of the *Releasing Time to Care* initiative. In contrast with similar initiatives in the past, the new approach, championed by Sally, is for all areas to focus on the same module at the same time. This, combined with a stronger focus on measuring the results, has resulted in some healthy rivalry between wards.

Congratulations to Swift ward who won the prize for most improved performance in shift handovers.

I hosted a visit by Kevin Hurley, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey, who visited the Trust to see the results of work done by Young Offenders who have developed their carpentry skills and designed and built memory boxes for the families of babies on NICU, wooden signage, toys and a bench for our children's wards as well as activity aids for patients with dementia and for patients recovering from a stroke. Members of our staff shared with Mr Hurley not only the benefits for patients and their families but the impact these projects have had on many of the participating young offenders.

With Andrew Liles I met with our equivalents from Frimley Park Hospital Foundation Trust and Royal Surrey County Hospital Foundation Trust.

I had a meeting with Alan McCarthy, Chairman of Surrey and Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust.

**Aileen McLeish**  
**Chairman**