

TRUST BOARD
26 May 2016

Agenda item number	4.1	
Title of paper	Chairman's report	
Confidential		
Suitable for public access	X	
Papers which this particular paper relates to?		
<u>Strategic objective(s):</u>		
Best outcomes		
Excellent experience	X	A CHKS Top 40 Trust
Skilled & motivated teams	X	Pride in Nursing & Midwifery Day
Top productivity	X	Recognising performance of Trust
<u>ASPH value(s):</u>		
Patients first	X	
Personal responsibility	x	Individual's contributions and achievements
Passion for excellence	X	Recognising performance of Trust
Pride in our team	X	Staff Appreciation Awards
Executive summary	Highlights of the last month from the chairman's perspective	
Recommendation:	For noting	
<u>Specific issues checklist:</u>		
Quality and safety issues	X	Shortlisted for the Quality of Care Award
Patient impact issues?	X	See above
Employee issues?	X	
Other stakeholder issues?	X	Sustainability and transformation plans; Surrey Heartlands.
Equality & diversity issues?		
Finance issues?	X	

Legal issues?	
Risk issues? Link to relevant BAF item number if so	
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Collaborative working in Surrey Heartlands

A number of meetings have taken place involving all participants in the Surrey Heartlands STP (Strategic transformation Plan) to progress plans towards the next deadline for submission in June. The message for NHS England is that we need to be radical to ensure we can deliver a sustainable health economy which meets the needs of our local population. Quite what that means for Surrey Heartland is starting to be worked on. Once proposals start to emerge we will be part of a collective engagement and consultation with the public and key stakeholders to that we can jointly shape health services.

The Partnership Group formed by Board members of Royal Surrey and Ashford & St Peter's met this month to consider a proposal for reconfiguring stroke services between the two Trusts. This is in response to an initiative, led by Commissioners, to rationalise stroke services across Surrey. Collaboration on this decision has been easier this time as we have benefitted from the relationships we have built up during the work on the paused merger. The Partnership Group is recommending a single solution to both our Boards for approval.

Suzanne Rankin and I joined John Denning, Royal Surrey Chairman, at a meeting of the Surrey County Council Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to explain the reasons for the pause in the merger. There was recognition of the substantial work done to date, the case for the merger, but that until there is an improvement in the financial position of the Royal Surrey the merger cannot go ahead. We will consider the position further once NHS Improvement's regulatory review of Royal Surrey has been concluded.

Performance

We were all delighted that ASPH has again been recognised as a Top 40 Trust by CHKS. We were also shortlisted for the Quality of Care award and although we didn't win it this year, being shortlisted was recognition of the high standards of care being delivered within this Trust.

While it is early days yet, during May we have seen a number of consecutive days when we have performed better than the 4 hour target in A&E, notwithstanding that demand has continued at a

high level. This is a fantastic achievement and I would like to pay tribute to the focussed hard work across the Trust which is at last beginning to yield results. It is good to be Green!

Board appointments

You will be aware that we are recruiting 4 Non-Executive Directors with the aim to have recommendations for appointments being tabled when the Council of Governors meets in June. The Council's Nominations Committee met twice during the month to consider candidates for long listing and then for shortlisting. We have been supported in this process by recruitment firm Harvey Nash who have produced an excellent array of candidates for us to consider. Interviews will take place next month ahead of the Council of Governors meeting on 15 June.

Governors

Non-Executive Directors met with Governors for informal discussions on key issues of interest. We had a long discussion about the arrangements for bringing new non-Executive Directors onto the Board. This will be the largest change of board members since 2008 and concerns were expressed by Governors that this could change the relationship between the Board and the Council of Governors. We agreed that we would work to ensure that new board members would be helped to understand how the relationships work and how the Governors hold the Non-Executives to account for the performance of the Board. Other areas discussed included the developing planning for the Surrey Heartlands STP, the status of the paused merger with royal Surrey, A&E performance, orthopaedic outpatients and management's focus on improving patient experience.

Staff

Pride in Nursing and midwifery Day – I was delighted to join in this event, which was a chance for all our nursing and midwifery colleagues to come together to celebrate our achievements during the past year. The theme this year was Nursing is Diversity, celebrating our diverse cultural and career journeys to becoming nurses and midwives. This really makes our Trust who we are, proving that at the heart of all nurses and midwives, no matter what their background, they are united in their compassion for care. The roles of nursing and midwifery are truly diverse and this fact, in addition to the amazing opportunities we have for development, means we are able to be resilient when meeting different challenges, working with different disciplines or setting more stretching goals. We were very lucky to have Jane Cummings, Chief Nursing Officer for NHS England, as our key note speaker, and Joanne Bosanquet MBE, Deputy Chief Nurse at Public Health England, who chaired our afternoon session. Congratulations to deputy Chief Nurse Russell Wernham and his team for organising such a successful event.

VTE Study day – Now an annual fixture in our calendar this event focussed on the serious issue of VTE, which is the major contributor to deaths in hospitals. Our Lead Nurse Rebecca Bushby led an inspiring day. We were also delighted to be joined by Professor Roopen Arya, Professor of Thrombosis and Haemostasis; Director, Kings Thrombosis Centre, Clinical Lead, National VTE Board, who gave the key note speech.

This evening, following the Board meeting we will be having our annual staff appreciation awards. This is one of the highlights of the year and I look forward to joining colleagues in celebrating their achievements and contributions to the Trust and to our patients.

Consultant Appointments: I chaired three appointment panels this month: Abdullah Jibawi has been appointed as a Consultant Vascular Surgeon and Claire Ashwin has been appointed as a Consultant Radiologist for Paediatrics. Congratulations to both appointees. We also held a panel to appoint a Consultant Upper GI and Bariatric Surgeon and the final decision on appointment will be made shortly

Other

I gave a talk to Staines Probus Club updating them on the issues for the Trust and the local healthcare economy

I attended a seminar hosted by McKinsey and the Health Service Journal on New Care Models – Making Them a Reality

I attended the Southern NHS Chairs meeting where we had a good discussion with Ed Smith the Chairman of NHS Improvement

I had a follow up meeting with Pradip Patel, the new Chairman of Frimley Health

I attended a one day training programme on The Role of the Chair at the Institute of Directors, and attended the AGM of the North West branch of the NHS Retirement Fellowship, in my role as Honorary President