

TRUST BOARD
29th June 2017

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TITLE OF PAPER	Chairman's Report	
Confidential	NO	
Suitable for public access	YES	
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<u>STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE(S):</u>		
Best outcomes		First Steps Day Nursery at St Peter's Hospital has achieved a 'Good' rating following its latest unexpected Ofsted inspection.
Excellent experience		Following the time her husband spent on the unit earlier this year, Lady Forsyth-Johnson talked about the fantastic care Bruce and the whole family received during his in hospital.
Skilled and motivated teams		Attended the annual Healthcare People Management Association Awards where both the Trust and Deputy Director Lucy Purdy were up for awards.
Top productivity		Council of Governors received an extensive report from Finance Committee Chair, Meyrick Vevers, and Deputy Director of Finance, Paul Doyle on the current financial health of the Trust and the implications of the targets and other demands required for the next two years.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY		
	Highlights of the last month from the Chairman's perspective.	
RECOMMENDATION:		
SPECIFIC ISSUES CHECKLIST:		
Quality and safety		
Patient impact		
Employee		
Other stakeholder		
Equality & diversity		
Finance		
Legal		

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DATE	22 nd June 2017
BOARD ACTION	Receive

General Election Result and implications

The election resulted in no one party having an overall majority. While we still see the Conservatives in charge and Jeremy Hunt remaining as Secretary of State for Health, there is unlikely to be a change in the overall priorities of the NHS. Equally the spending plans are unlikely to change although there have been recent hints by the Secretary of State that there may be increases in salaries for front line staff. Strategic Transformation Plans (STPs) remain the main vehicle for transforming services locally. In Surrey Heartlands we have recently seen a change in the leadership of our STP with the appointment of Clare Fuller, formerly Chairman of Surrey Downs CCG. In addition devolution of health budgets to Surrey have been announced which will enable us to progress to a single control total for health and social care within two years. Hopefully with the general election out of the way and refreshed leadership in our local STP we will start to see new impetus behind our STP.

Staff

Volunteers Week was celebrated nationally this month here and we participated to recognise and acknowledge the work of our 400 plus valued volunteers. Volunteers are an incredibly important part of our Trust and they cover a wide range of roles from Chaplaincy, Radio Wey, Hospital Guides, League of Friends, Student and Meal Time Volunteers, to name but a few. Our volunteers are dedicated and passionate about their roles; some volunteering for over 20 years. We are continually expanding the volunteering team and recently hosted a recruitment campaign in the Elmsleigh Centre in Staines which proved successful. We hope to continue to host further events in the very near future and increase our volunteer teams in Dementia, Pharmacy, Swan Ward and Eye Ward.

One of the highlights was the Celebration Tea Party on 6th June. Staff kindly offered to bake cakes for the event which included a Bake Off competition. Thank you to Voluntary Services Lead, Sangeeta Singadia, for organising our celebrations during this week

Armed Forces Reservists day was on 21st June and Suzanne Rankin, Chief Executive, and I joined Madelaine Gimzewska, Doctor, Reservist, Unit 256 Field Hospital, Frankie Cheetham, Staff Nurse, Reservist, Unit 256 Field Hospital, and Paul Darling-Wills, Resuscitation Service Manager, Reservist, Unit: The Rifles for a photo to mark the occasion.

First Steps Day Nursery at St Peter's Hospital has achieved a 'Good' rating following its latest unexpected Ofsted inspection. Dawn Hunt and her team had less than 24 hours' notice, so the inspectors certainly got to see it as it is. The report shows how impressed the Inspectors were with the nursery and with what the staff do in the nursery for the children.

Patients

Better Births Launch – I was delighted to join the better births launch. Surrey Heartlands is one of 7 pilot sites in the country receiving funds to trail-blaze a new integrated way of working across all maternity midwives in the area. We were joined at the launch by Baroness Julia Cumberledge, the author of the 2015 Better Births Report. Our launch came the same week as the launch of the Every Baby Counts Report from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. This report highlights that in the UK, each year between 500 and 800 babies die or are left with severe brain injury – not because they are born too soon or too small, or have a congenital abnormality, but because something goes wrong during labour. The RCOG is setting out to reduce this by 50% in 2020.

R&D Open day - I was delighted to help to introduce the annual R&D open day. The day had a mixture of internal and external speakers and covered a wide range of research and development activity. It really brought home to the audience the wide variety of research and development undertaken within the Trust.

Lady Forsyth-Johnson, actress, model and wife of Bruce Forsyth, paid a special visit to St. Peter's Hospital on 30th May to officially open a new area of the **Intensive Care Unit**. Following the time her husband spent on the unit earlier this year, Lady Forsyth-Johnson talked about the fantastic care Bruce and the whole family received during his in hospital. The critical care team were also joined by the recently appointed Mayor and Mayoress of Runnymede, Cllr Chaudhri and his wife. I would particularly like to thank Councillor Chaudhri who has chosen to support critical care services at the hospital, along with neonatal intensive care services, as one of his designated mayoral year charities.

Board

All appraisals for non-Executive Directors were completed over the last 2 months and the results shared with Governors via the Council's Remuneration and Appraisal Committee, who in turn were able to report back to the Council meeting in June.

I am very pleased to confirm that the appointment of my successor as Chairman has been approved by the Council of Governors. An announcement will follow shortly. I have had a meeting with my successor to start to prepare for handover.

Council of Governors

The Council of Governors met this month, and as well as appointing the new Chairman of the Trust, received an extensive report from Finance Committee Chair, Meyrick Vevers, and Deputy Director of Finance, Paul Doyle on the current financial health of the Trust and the implications of the targets and other demands required for the next two years.

I was very happy to welcome Melaine Coward to her first Governors meeting as the stakeholder representative from the University of Surrey.

The Governors' Constitution group met this month to consider changes to Council constituencies. A recommendation was made to add the London Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames to the existing constituency of the London boroughs of Richmond-upon-Thames and Hounslow. This proposal was approved by both the Council of Governors and the Board of Directors and has come into immediate effect. This change has no impact on the membership of the Council of Governors. It will be reported to the Annual Members' Meeting next month.

Other

I attended the Annual General Meeting of the NW Surrey Branch of the NHS Retirement fellowship. This was my last meeting as Honorary President and I will step down from this role at the same time as I step down from the role of Chairman of the Trust.

I attended a South of England Chairs meeting arranged by the area team from NHS Improvement.

I met with Gillian Norton the new Chairman of St George's Hospital NHS FT.

I addressed a meeting of the Probus Group in Ripley on the topic of strategic transformation of the NHS both nationally and locally.

Along with colleagues from the Trust I attended the annual Healthcare People Management Association Awards where both the Trust and Deputy Director Lucy Purdy were up for awards.

I represented the Trust at the Woking Borough Council Civic Service.

After the Board meeting today I am helping to host a first meeting of Non-Executive Directors and Lay Members from across the Surrey Heartlands Strategic Transformation Plan.