

Trust Board Meeting
01 December 2016

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Purpose:	The aim of this paper is to provide an update on items of national and local interest/relevance to the Board.	
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Committee		Date
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Benefits to patients and patient safety implications		
Recommendations		
The Board is asked to note the report.		

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Presented by: Professor Steve Barnett, Chair

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The aim of this paper is to provide an update on items of national and local interest/relevance to the Board.

2. NATIONAL NEWS AND DEVELOPMENT

Finance update

- 2.1. NHS Improvement (NHSI) has recently published three key documents which sets out details around planning, control and monitoring for the next two years. These are:
- Single Oversight Framework – bringing together existing, revised and new approaches to overseeing NHS providers and shaping NHS Improvement's (NHSI) responses.
 - 2017 – 2019 NHS Operational Planning and Contracting – guidance on plans and the relationship between individual organisations and Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP's) with further information set out below.
 - Sustainability and Transformation Fund (STF) and Financial Control Totals 2017/18 and 2018/19, which sets out clear financial targets.
- 2.2. The focus from a financial perspective is on delivering against the Five Year Forward View's 'must do's' and on setting an improving financial trajectory for all organisations, with emphasis on sustainability and not transformation over the next two years. Providers must break-even (as a minimum) in aggregate, with accountability of individual organisations 'supplemented' by the STP October submission.

Strengthening financial performance and accountability in 2016/17

- 2.3. Following the publication of NHS England's (NHSE) and an NHSI document 'Strengthening Financial Performance and Accountability in the NHS', Jim Mackey, Chief Executive of NHSI has written to all provider trusts setting out a series of next steps and actions required.
- 2.4. The letter focuses on high pay bill growth, agency staffing and the introduction of a protocol for revising financial forecasts which will ensure consistency and transparency across the NHS. In addition it has advised that from Quarter 2, NHSI will be publishing trust level financial and performance information in its quarterly report and requiring trusts to post their finance and performance reports clearly on their website.
- 2.5. The Executive Regional Managing Director (Midlands and East) has followed up with a more detailed letter setting out specific requirements for trusts and Boards in relation to their management and oversight of agency expenditure and seeking additional assurance in this respect.

3. LOCAL NEWS AND UPDATE

- 3.1. As a result of its current financial position, and following discussions with NHSE, Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group (HVCCG) has been placed in Financial Special Measures.
- 3.2. This means the organisation will be recruiting a dedicated 'turnaround director' to help achieve a balanced position for this financial year and contribute to managing the CCG's expenditure in the years ahead.

Stop the Pressure Day

- 3.3. The Trust supported World Stop the Pressure Day on 16 November 2016 by holding exhibitions and visiting wards to offer advice and information. The event is designed to raise awareness on pressure ulcer prevention for the public, patients and healthcare professionals.

3.4. Recognising staff

Well done and congratulations to the following staff:

- The Schwartz Round team whose work was recognised at the Schwartz Community Conference in October. The team won the award for 'the most powerful Schwartz Round'. The award reflects the quality of the Trust's Schwartz Rounds, which are attended each month by more than 100 staff, coming together and sharing their stories.
- The Human Resources and Procurement teams, who were highly commended in the collaboration category of the Healthcare Supply Association awards for consortium working across trusts in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire to implement national staff agency rules. The collaboration has led to savings of nearly £1 million for the Trust and combined savings of more than £4.5 million across trusts in the two counties.
- Gillian Winkworth and Ben Bream, physiotherapists who are the Trust's Staff Awards winners for October 2016. They were jointly nominated by a patient for the care and dedication they provided which the patient said "changed their life".
- The microbiology team for outstanding results in a UKAS (UK Accreditation Service) inspection. The team was told in informal feedback that it was one of the best microbiology laboratories that the inspectors had seen. UKAS will provide a formal feedback report in due course.

4. BOARD NEWS

- 4.1. Following a period of acting into the position of Chief Operating Officer, Sally Tucker has joined the Board as a substantive member after being appointed to the permanent position in November 2016.
- 4.2. The appointment above means that membership of the Board is now fully substantive.

5. KEY MEETINGS

5.1. Since the last Board report, the Chair has been involved in the following:

- Met with Chair of Worcester Royal Infirmary
- Attended a Sustainability and Transformation Plan and Chair Oversight meeting
- Chaired an interview panel to appointment a colorectal surgery consultant

6. Recommendation

6.1. The Board is asked to note the report.

Professor Steve Barnett

Chair

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