

EAST AND NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE NHS TRUST

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

26th June 2013

1. **Health Scrutiny Committee – 27th June**

Following the Hertfordshire County Council elections in May 2013, the newly appointed Health Scrutiny Committee meets for the first time on Thursday 27th June 2013. The meeting is designed to serve as an induction for new councillors and therefore, all the health providers and commissioners across Hertfordshire will present an overview of their core activity, geographical area covered, significant challenges and response to the issues raised by the Francis Report.

In addition, I will explain our new strategic priorities and how they have been developed in partnership. I will also describe the importance of the next two years for the Trust as we reconfigure acute services and seek to realise our ambition “to be amongst the best”.

We are mindful of our commitment to working openly and honestly with county councillors as representatives of our local communities and view the induction meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee on 27th June as an opportunity to further build on the strong and positive relationship the Trust has developed with the Committee over the years.

2. **Dedication Service for New Chapel, Lister - 19th June**

Following the move of the Lister chapel from level 4 to level 3 as part of the ‘Our Changing Hospitals’ programme the new chapel has been dedicated.

The dedication service was held on Wednesday 19th June, and was celebrated by both the Anglican Bishop of St Albans and local Catholic clergy. A new coloured glass window has been included in the design from a local glass artist. The new facility includes a chapel, Muslim prayer room and chaplaincy offices. The chapel and prayer room are available for patients, visitors and staff 24 hours a day.

3. **EAHSN Update**

Following the inaugural meeting of the Eastern Academic Health Science Network in May 2013 the network is now established as a limited company and negotiations are underway between the NHS Commissioning Board/DH and the network to establish the terms of the 5 year license.

The EAHSN Board meeting in July 2013 will focus upon the wealth creation agenda and the Board has requested the development of criteria to inform decision making regarding the prioritisation and approval of business cases from the EAHSN Clinical Study Groups (CSG).

The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire node of the EAHSN continues to meet on a monthly basis and has responsibility for the co-ordination and leadership of the Respiratory Medicine and Patient Safety CSGs. Work is underway, supported by the Director of Strategic Development (Accountable Officer for the node), to support the CSGs as they develop their proposals to be considered for approval by the EAHSN Board.

4. NHS Confederation Conference

The Chairman, Director of Strategic Development, Director of Nursing and myself attended the NHS Confederation Conference in Liverpool from 5th to 7th July. The event provided an opportunity to hear from the health sector's most influential figures with regard to their vision of the future and how best to move forward in the new system post the structure changes. The conference programme was patient focused and provided extensive opportunities for networking and meeting stakeholders resulting in a number of contacts being made that will be pursued by the relevant lead Directors.

5. New style ARC meetings

For the first time since the ARC programme was launched 2 years ago, this quarters sessions have been redesigned to focus on the progress being made around embedding the Trust's values within individual Divisions. A total of 10 meetings are planned across the Trust, with attendees coming primarily from individual divisions at each meeting. Divisional leaders are asked to present around the work they are leading to embed the ARC Programme within their individual areas. The presentations are to be followed by discussion and challenge around what more they need to do to further embed the Trust values.

Feedback from the first meeting has been good, with 57 attendees. Some solid examples of excellent practice were shown by the medical division. These will be collated from all meetings and shared with other divisions at a later date.

6. Lister's new £2.7 million power plant shortlisted for national award

The Health Service Journal has announced that the Trust's new £2.7 million power plant at the Lister has been shortlisted in the energy efficiencies category of the prestigious annual HSJ Efficiency Awards. Final judging takes place on 5th July with the awards taking place in central London on 25th September 2013. The Lister's new combined heat and power plant, which was opened officially by Stevenage MP Stephen McPartland in December 2012 – has secured the hospital's electricity, heating and cooling needs for the foreseeable future.

7. Executive Committee Summary Report to Board

Divisional Annual Objectives 2013/14

Following the Board approving the new strategic aims 2013-2018 in March 2013 and the Trust Annual Objectives 2013/14 in May 2013, the Executive Team reviewed the draft divisional annual objectives and requested further detail on how the outcomes will be monitored and measured. The final divisional plans are due to be approved at the next Divisional Executive Committee at the end of June. Following this, the Corporate annual plans will be finalised. This process has been staggered to ensure that the Corporate plans are able to be considered and responsive to the support required by the Divisions.

Nursing Establishment Review

The Committee reviewed the second annual nursing and midwifery establishment undertaken by the Director of Nursing. This is to provide assurance both internally and externally that ward establishment levels are safe and that staff are able to provide appropriate levels of care to patients. The findings and draft recommendations were discussed and further information was requested prior to final conclusions. It was noted that additional investment into front line clinical

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nursing posts had been already been funded in the current financial year to the sum of £1,981,000. The final paper will be presented to the Risk and Quality Committee.

Other

The Committees have continued to provide scrutiny to areas of service development, performance (quality, safety, patient experience, targets), mortality, hospital acquired infections and key strategic projects including pathology transformation. The key areas for escalation are included in the Director reports to Board.

8. Floodlight Scorecard

The Month 2 Trust floodlight scorecard is attached as **Appendix A**. The Board committee executive summary reports reflect the key discussions that have taken place at both the Finance and Performance and the Risk and Quality Committees. Explanation of red indicators is provided within the appropriate accountable Director's report and the exception reports in the data pack.

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20th June 2013