

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

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| Recommendations: The Trust Board is asked to note and discuss the updates provided in the report. | |

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October 2015

1. Summary

This paper provides the Board with an update on progress with the Trust's annual priorities for 2015-16 not covered elsewhere on the agenda, and gives an outline of some of the key areas of activity that could impact upon the strategic development of the organisation.

2. External Environment

2.1 Appointment of Chief Executive of NHS improvement

The Chief Executive of the new organisation to be formed from Monitor and the Trust Development Agency has been appointed; it is Mr Jim Mackey and he is currently CE at Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT where he has been for ten years. Mr Mackey will take up post on 1st November 2015 and commence work to integrate the teams.

2.2 Vanguard Bid

The Vanguard bid for SWL was not successful although commended for the work which had been done.

2.3 Ofsted Inspection of Kingston's Children Services

Ofsted undertook an inspection of Kingston's Children's safeguarding services in May and June 2015. The report into the findings was published in August 2015 and awarded a judgement of 'Good'. This represents a significant achievement with improvement from being previously rated as 'inadequate'. Kingston is now only one of 16 areas to have been rated 'good' against 46 rated as 'requires improvement' or 'inadequate' since the new Ofsted inspection framework commenced in 2013. The improvement in the culture of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB), for which Kingston Hospital is a participant agency, was also noted in the inspection.

2.4 Proposed Merger between Ashford & St Peters NHS Foundation Trust and Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

On 14th August 2015, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) provisionally cleared the proposed merger between Ashford & St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

The CMA will now prepare their final report for publication no later than October 2015.

As part of today's publication, the CMA also invites comments from the public and wider stakeholders on their findings which they will take into account when preparing their final report and conclusions.

Subject to full regulatory, Board and Governor approvals the earliest start date for the proposed new organisation would be summer 2016.

3. Internal Issues

3.1 Monitor Investigation

The Monitor investigation into the financial position and A&E performance continues and details on these issues are covered elsewhere on the board agenda. The Trust managers have met with Monitor on both topics a number of times and will be meeting again over the next month to seek and provide the necessary assurance on progress to conclude the investigation.

3.2 Appointments

Since the last meeting of the board the following senior appointments have been made.

Chief Operating Officer – Interim Eileen Doyle

Divisional Director for Emergency Services – Dr. Mark Spring

The Trust is in the process of seeking to recruit a permanent COO and expects to interview in October.

3.3 Nursing & Midwifery Conference 2016

The annual Kingston Hospital Nursing & Midwifery Conference, which celebrates the work of nurses, midwives, nursing assistants & maternity support workers will be taking place on Friday 13th May 2016. This is to coincide with international nurse day. The Trust is delighted that Dr Ruth May, Nurse Director of Monitor has confirmed her attendance as the keynote speaker.