The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn
NHS Foundation Trust

Agenda Item 8

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (IN PUBLIC) & ONWARD TO THE GOVERNORS' COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY:	REPORT FOR:		IMPACT:		
Edward Libbey, Trust Chair	Decision		High	Med	Low
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	Strategic	√			
	Operational	√			
	Governance	√			

Meeting Date: **26 September 2017 & 3 October 2017**

Report Title: **Chair's Update**

CHAIR'S UPDATE – September 2017

1. An external view

- The NHS continues to operate under a very high level of stress. NHSi / NHSE focus is specifically on A&E, Cancer and financial targets with increasing intervention in local and regional issues.

2. An internal view

- The summer months have seen little reduction in the high (and rising) levels of activity. The Board recognises the pressures this puts upon staff on a daily basis as we prepare for winter.

3. Chair's Diary

Since my last report, my diary has included the following events and meetings with internal and external colleagues and partners:

Internal

- Attended Business Committee meeting, Workforce Committee meeting, Governors' Council meeting, Quality & Safety Committee meeting, Finance & Performance Committee meeting, Governors' Business Committee meeting and a Private Board meeting.
- Ward visit to Dialysis Unit
- Non-executive Director interviews – delighted to appoint Mandy Ashton.
- Chaired interview panels for Radiologist, Anaesthetist and a Clinical Director for Women & Children.
- Governor Finance Training, as provided by Roy Jackson, Director of Finance.
- Completed mandatory Fire Training
- Board Development session held off-site.

External

- PRM meeting at Fulbourn
- Met with Norman Lamb, MP for North Norfolk, who visited the Trust and was complimentary on the care we provide and raised issues surrounding EU employees.
- Meeting with Head of CoWA to discuss apprenticeships and healthcare training opportunities.
- NHS Providers Meeting for Chairs and CEOs
- Meeting of the Norfolk Chairs, including Lorne Green, Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk
- Quarterly Media Briefing
- STP Chairs' Meeting