The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn
NHS Foundation Trust

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (IN PUBLIC)

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	Strategic	✓			
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Meeting Date: **31st July 2018**

Report Title: **Chair's Update**

CHAIR'S UPDATE – July 2018

1. An external view

The NHS celebrated its 70th birthday this month with both national and local events. It was the opportunity for the Government to announce a more generous funding formula for the future – though many of the details remain to be determined. This does not, however, alter the current focus on the delivery of the 2018/19 financial targets which, as we all know, will not be easy. On the staffing front, the positive impact on the Trust of the relaxation of the visa regulations on overseas medics is to be welcomed and we are already beginning to see the benefits. The announcement of new pay awards for staff is also welcome.

2. An internal view

CQC: this has been consuming for many in the Trust for the past 3 months and we now await the draft report. However, the challenges of rising numbers of patients, the continued pressure on staffing and recruitment mean that the operational pressures have been relentless. The delivery of quality patient care is dependent upon the commitment of staff which is always recognised by me and the Board.

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

- Chaired the June Board meeting, a Nomination & Remuneration Committee meeting, Constitution Working Group meeting, a Business Committee meeting and an Extraordinary Board meeting; attended meetings of the Quality & Performance Committee, Finance and Activity Committee and Workforce Committee.
- Chaired two Board Development sessions, concentrating on CQC and 'Well-led'.
- Participated in the interview for the Director of HR role – delighted to appoint Karen Charman as a substantive member of the Board.

- Chaired the Annual Members' Meeting – delighted to introduce Louise Smith, Director of Public Health for Norfolk who gave an absorbing presentation on the public health challenges in West Norfolk.
- Chaired 2 CEA Appeal hearings.
- Attended cyber-security training for NHS organisations.
- Received a presentation from FourEyes on theatre efficiency opportunities.
- Took part in the induction of the new hospital Chaplain, Stella Green.
- Joined the Executives to receive CQC feedback following their inspection.
- Visited, and formally opened, the Pharmacy Robot.
- Chaired Obs & Gynae Consultant interviews.
- Met a number of recently-appointed senior medical staff.

External

- Financial reviews with regulators
- Met the NHSE Board at Norfolk & Norwich Hospital.
- Met with Melanie Craig, new STP Executive Officer, at QEH.
- Attended a Norfolk Acute Hospital Group (NAHG) meeting in Norwich
- Took part in a Performance Review meeting and a Quality Review meeting with regulators.
- Attended a STP Chairs' Oversight meeting in Norwich.
- Attended a meeting with College of West Anglia, along with Karen Charman.
- Attended the NHS Confederation Conference in Manchester, along with Jon Green.
- Visited West Suffolk Hospital, along with Jon Green, to meet the Chair and CEO.
- Met with Dylan Edwards, the Chair of UEA – regular Board-to-Board meetings due to take place.
- Met with Patrick Peal, Chief Executive of the East of England Air Ambulance.