The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn
NHS Foundation Trust

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (IN PUBLIC)

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Meeting Date: **29 May 2018**

Report Title: **Chair's Update**

CHAIR'S UPDATE – May 2018

1. An external view

Winter is over but it does not always seem like that! There is now a widespread recognition of the difficulties the NHS experienced during the recent months and the need to establish a sustainable funding basis for the future.

2. An internal view

The emphasis has been on the impending, and now actual, CQC visits. This has been demanding across the organisation with preparation now underway for the 'Well-led' review and the Use of Resources review (by NHSi).

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 April Board meeting, a Constitution Working Group meeting, an Extraordinary Governors' Council meeting and an Extraordinary Board meeting; attended meetings of the Audit Committee, Quality & Safety Committee, Finance and Performance Committee and Workforce Committee.
- Chaired two Board Development sessions, concentrating on CQC and 'Well-led'.
- Interviewed for two new Non-executive Directors; one appointed and one subject to Governors' approval.
- Accompanied the Mayor at a highly informative visit to Main Theatres; spent time with consultants and staff in theatre sessions.
- 'Well-led' review interview with NHSi.
- Participated in the sCOFT trial as part of International Clinical Trials Day run by QEH's R&D group.

- Participated in active demonstration of laparoscopic “robot”.
- Met staff during Dementia Awareness Week.
- Long-list and short-list reviews with external head-hunters for the appointment of a HR Director.
- Discussion with Health Enterprise East / Medovate on development of Trust shared innovation technology.

External

- Financial reviews with regulators
- Attended a Norfolk Acute Hospital Group (NAHG) meeting in Norwich
- Performance Review meeting with regulators.
- Attended a STP Chairs’ Oversight meeting in Norwich.
- Attended a Joint STP Chairs and Executives Oversight Meeting in Norwich
- Attended a HSJ Conference in Oxford.
- Participated in an interview panel for the new Executive Lead of the STP – recommended appointment.
- Held a regular Media Briefing with members of the local press.
- Met with Louise Smith, Director at Public Health Norfolk.