The Queen Elizabeth Hospital NHS
King's Lynn
NHS Foundation Trust

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (PUBLIC)

SUBMITTED BY:	REPORT FOR:		IMPACT:		
Patricia Wright, CEO	Decision	√	High	Med	Low
CONSULTATION:	Information			√	
	REPORT TYPE:		RELATED WORK:		
	Strategic	√			
	Operational	√			
	Governance	√			

Meeting Date: **29th August 2012**
Report Title: **National Quality Board Report, 'Quality in the new health system: *Maintaining and improving quality from April 2013'***

Purpose: To initiate the Trust's work in response to the National Quality Board's (NQB) report on how quality will operate in the new NHS architecture.

Summary: The Trust CEO and Chair have been contacted by Dr David Bennett, Chair and Interim Chief Executive Monitor and Sir David Nicholson (Chair of the NQB) respectively, inviting the Trust to consider the NQB's report on 'Quality' in the new Health System.

The Trust is urged to engage in Board-level discussion on the report, **'Quality in the new health system: *Maintaining and improving quality from April 2013',*** which describes:

- the nature and place of quality in the new health system;
- the distinct roles and responsibilities for quality of the different parts of the system;
- how the different parts of the system should work together to share information and intelligence on quality and to ensure an aligned and coordinated system wide response in the event of a quality failure; and
- the values and behaviours that all parts of the system will need to display in order to put the interests of patients and the public first and always ahead of organisational interests.

Any views the Trust wishes to feed back before the report is finalised, must be submitted by 30th September 2012.

Financial Implications: No financial implications as a direct result of this report.

Risk Assessment (cross-reference with Risk Register where appropriate):

Strategic / External	Operational/ Organisational	Financial	Clinical	Legal/ Regulatory	Reputational / Patient Experience
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Recommendations:

The Board is invited to:

(i) Note the content of Monitor's letter
(ii) Commission the Quality and Risk Committee to consider the NQB's Report, **'Quality in the new health system: *Maintaining and improving quality from April 2013',*** and make recommendations to the Board in respect of the Trust's response to the report.