The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn
NHS Foundation Trust

**REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (IN PUBLIC)**

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| Edward Libbey, Trust Chair | Decision | | High | Med | Low |
| CONSULTATION: | Information | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| | REPORT TYPE: | | RELATED WORK: | | |
| | Strategic | ✓ | | | |
| | Operational | ✓ | | | |
| | Governance | ✓ | | | |

**Meeting Date:** **27 March 2018**

**Report Title:** **Chair's Update**

# CHAIR'S UPDATE – March 2018

## 1. An external view

The past 3 months have been widely recognised as the most difficult winter in the NHS history. Not only has the clinical situation been challenging – increased demand and more severe acuity – but this has been coupled with significant flu in both patients and staff. As has been widely reported this has focussed more attention on the critical financial environment in which all provider trusts are operating.

## 2. An internal view

The QEH has not been immune from the national situation and the age profile of our patients means that we are more impacted than many. As the CEO notes, the Board recognises the enormous commitment of all staff in managing the situation.

## 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 February Board meeting, an Extraordinary Board meeting and the Nomination & Remuneration Committee; attended meetings of the Audit Committee, Quality & Safety Committee, Finance and Performance Committee and Workforce Committee.
- Met with several new starters to the Trust including all the Physicians' Associates.
- Met with several potential Non-executive Directors.
- Chaired the interviews for the Director of Resources – Roy Jackson was appointed following his success in the role on an interim basis.
- Chaired an interview panel for a Respiratory consultant and a Paediatric consultant.

- Carried out Non-executive Director appraisals.
- Participated in the Royal College of Physicians' visit to the Trust.
- Preparatory meeting for the QEH visit by Cambridge University Medical School.
- Visited the Audiology Department and met with staff.
- Undertook a weekend visit to A&E and AEC.
- Witnessed the new Pharmacy robot in action.
- Participated in the NHSi quality summit at QEH.
- Hosted the Mayor at a very successful recruitment fair in the Inspire Centre.

**External**

- Financial reviews with regulators
- Attended a meeting with the UEA Medical Course Director
- Attended a Norfolk Acute Hospital Group (NAHG) meeting in Norwich
- Attended a NHSi 'Moving to Good' conference in London
- Performance Review meeting with regulators.
- Attended a STP Chairs' Oversight meeting in Norwich.
- Attended a NHS Providers Chairs' Conference in London.
- Private meeting with the Dean of Health Sciences Faculty at UEA.
- Attended a West Norfolk Alliance meeting.
- Met with the Chair of Archant Publishing and the Editor of the EDP.
- Met with the newly-appointed Chair of West Suffolk Hospital.
- Private meeting with the Regional Finance Director at NHSi.