Agenda Item 12

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (IN PUBLIC)

SUBMITTED BY:	REPORT FOR:		IMPACT:		
Steve Barnett, Trust Chairman	Decision		High	Med	Low
CONSULTATION:	Information	✓		✓	
	REPORT TYPE:		RELATED WORK:		
	Strategic	✓			
	Operational	✓			
	Governance	✓			

Meeting Date: **27 November 2018**
Report Title: **Chairman's Report**

Purpose: To keep the Board informed in respect of key external / internal events and activities.					
Financial Implications / Efficiency Savings / Quality Improvement: None as a direct result of this report.					
Risk Assessment:					
Strategic / External	**Operational/ Organisational**	**Financial**	**Clinical**	**Legal/ Regulatory**	**Reputational / Patient Experience**
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recommendations: The Board is invited to consider and comment on the Chairman's Report.					

Chairman's Report – November 2018

1 … Let me introduce myself!

This is my first report to the Board, in my new role as Trust Chairman. I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received, during my first weeks at The QEH. I have enjoyed meeting just a few of the people who make this hospital tick and I have been delighted to meet with members of our staff and our system partners in my first few days at the Trust. I am looking forward to getting out and about in the coming weeks to places and people I have yet to see.

There can be no doubt that I have joined the Trust at an exceptionally challenging time. With every meeting I attend and with every person I speak to, I gain a greater insight into both the issues we face and how the difficult nature of the last few months has affected personally those who work in, and those who care about, our hospital.

We all know there is a great deal of work to be done. I see it as part of my job as Chairman, working with my Board colleagues, to ensure that the clear passion and dedication I have seen from many of our colleagues can be harnessed to accomplish the necessary improvement work at pace.

Winter is upon us and we will need to support each other to cope with inevitable additional pressures it brings, while at the same time ensuring we deliver on the necessary quality improvements, I know the next few months are not going to be easy but as Chairman, I can pledge that our staff, our governors and of course, our patients will be kept informed and will be listened to. As a Board we will support our staff to provide the care we would all wish for every one of our patients.

If I have not met you already … I look forward to meeting you soon!

My regular reports to the Board will generally include an element of 'Looking Out' from the Trust at what is happening in the wider NHS. They will also include a section, which looks at what is happening closer to home, both in the Trust and in our health and social care system.

2 An outward-looking perspective

'Prevention is better than Cure'

Health Secretary, Matt Hancock has published his vision for how he plans to transform the government's approach to prevention, paving the way for a green paper in 2019.

The document, 'Prevention is better than cure', builds on the government's previous work in areas such as childhood obesity and social prescribing. It shifts the focus to primary and community care services and the value they can bring in offering early support.

Prevention will be at the heart of the NHS long-term plan, and will use new approaches like predictive prevention, which will explore how digital technology can be used to offer individuals precise and targeted health advice.

Plans include:

- consulting next year on measures to encourage employers to support more disabled people into work, and to improve access to occupational health
- increasing specialist mental health services to a further 30,000 women during pregnancy and during the first year after they have given birth by 2020 to 2021
- halving childhood obesity by 2030
- reducing loneliness and social isolation, and making social prescribing available in every local area by 2023
- diagnosing 75% of cancers at stages 1 and 2 by 2028
- sequencing 5 million genomes in 5 years, and offering whole-genome sequencing to all seriously ill children and those with cancer by 2019, as well as adults with rare diseases or cancers

3 Closer to 'home'

STP

My diary for my first few weeks at the Trust includes meetings with both the Chair and the Lead for Norfolk and Waveney STP. This reflects the fact that the Trust's relationships with and within the STP are important in respect of our ability to develop and deliver the transformation necessary to better serve our patients and the wider community, sustainably.

The current areas of focus for the STP include:

- Acute Care transformation
- Mental Health services
- Winter planning / resilience – including lessons learned from last year
- Primary Care transformation
- Demand and capacity review, STP-wide

I will be engaging with the STP on behalf of the Trust, attending STP Chairs' meetings regularly and keeping the Trust up to date with STP proposals and developments. In addition to my engagement with the STP, Trust colleagues are also involved in various STP workstreams e.g. our clinicians are involved in shaping integrated care pathways.

Winter Planning

The weather has become colder in the last couple of weeks and we are reminded that winter approaches!

This is a particularly challenging time of year for the NHS and for service providers, like the QEH. Nationally and regionally, we are expecting to see high numbers of sick patients within a context of high key staff vacancies.

We are working very hard on our 'winter plans' both internally and with our health and social care partners to ensure that as a system, we have robust plans to meet the likely high demand for services and to provide care for our patients, safely. We will be communicating our plans with our patients and the public.

One very simple way that we can all get ourselves 'ready for winter' is by making sure that we have had our flu jabs. This simple step will help us to protect ourselves, our families, our colleagues and of course, our patients. I'm very pleased to note that at the time of writing this report, over 60% (nearly 80% of clinical staff) of colleagues have had their flu vaccinations.

In addition to QEH colleagues, the following groups are eligible for the free flu vaccine in 2018/19:

- all children aged two to nine
- those aged six months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- those aged 65 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers

… please tell your family, friends and neighbours!

Governor Elections – Nominations open 3rd December 2018

As the Trust's new Chairman, I am looking forward to working with our Governors' Council, which is an important part of our Foundation Trust governance structure.

I would like to urge you to think about nominating yourself to be elected as a Governor. Our governors are valued 'critical friends' of the Trust and are representatives of the public served by it.

This year's elections for seats on the Governors' Council begin with the opening of nominations on 3rd December.

We are seeking to fill eight public seats and 4 staff seats in the following constituencies:

- West Norfolk 4
- Cambridgeshire 1
- SE Lincolnshire 2
- Breckland, N Norfolk & the Rest of England 1
- Staff (Clinical) 2
- Staff (Non Clinical) 2

The closing date for nomination entries is Tuesday 18 December 2018.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor and would like to know more, you can email: mary.denmark@gehkl.nhs.uk / phone 01553 613142 or email: Trust Secretary gill.rejzl@gehkl.nhs.uk / phone 01553 613614, for further information.

Alternatively, you can apply online at www.ersvotes.com

4 Something to celebrate

Thank you to Gavin for raising £50,000 for our Charitable Funds

Gavin English was charged by his wife Frances just before her death to sell her clothes to give something back to the Macmillan Cancer Care and Treatment Fund at the QEH.

Since then Gavin has been selling clothes at car boot sales, along with fundraising at supermarkets. He has raised more than £50,000 for the Hospital.

So far this year, Gavin has put an extraordinary amount of work into fundraising by attending 270 car boot sales along with 110 supermarket days – more are planned in the approach to Christmas!

I would like to thank Gavin and the people of West Norfolk, Fenland and North Norfolk for their generous support.

It is very heartening for me to see local people like Gavin supporting the hospital for the benefit of the local community, in many different ways.

5 NEW TO THE TEAM

I am pleased to welcome to Team QEH:

First Name	Position Title
Julie Meddings	Divisional Chief Nurse
Dr Ali Alsawaf	Consultant Care of the Elderly
Dr Hari Ankireddy	Consultant Anaesthetics
Patrick Johnson	Chief Transformation Officer
Emma Tang	Associate Chief Pharmacist

Welcome to our third year student nurses

A new cohort of student nurses will be working alongside staff on the wards and departments in the coming weeks. The third year UEA students will be spending 12 weeks at the Trust ahead of their qualification in September next year. They will be working across the Trust, including A&E, Critical Care and Paediatrics, during their placements.

… and the good news continues

Congratulations to Laura Delaney, Kristy Marshall-Parker and Lauren West, who are now applying for their NMC pin numbers to become Registered Nurses after passing their four-year Open University BSc Nursing Degree. These valued colleagues, who have been working as Health Care Assistants during their studies, will be graduating at Ely Cathedral in June next year.

Well done also to Kerry Jones, Kayleigh McCourt, Samira Ayssi and Helen Cameron, who have graduated from the University of Suffolk 18-month Nursing BSC programme, which was a prelude to the apprenticeship course.

Trainee Nursing Associates will also be heading out of the QEH for their external placements in order to gain experience in new learning environments.

FOOTNOTE … During these challenging times, being able to congratulate and celebrate with our colleagues on their individual journeys to becoming nurses and nursing associates is **always** very good news!