The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn
NHS Foundation Trust

Agenda Item 13

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (IN PUBLIC)

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Edward Libbey, Trust Chair	Decision		High	Med	Low
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	Strategic	✓			
	Operational	✓			
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Meeting Date: **30 January 2018**

Report Title: **Chair's Update**

CHAIR'S UPDATE – January 2018

1. An external view

It seems no day can go by without the NHS being in the press but we can be very proud of what the NHS is delivering and in particular the performance of the QEH in extremely challenging circumstances. Our financial performance has attracted a high level of attention from NHSi but despite threats of significant intervention by them, we were able to demonstrate a level of grip and control that other trusts did not have. We can expect a continued high level of scrutiny.

2. An internal view

The most important 'thank you' is to all QEH staff who have worked so hard under extremely testing conditions. The treatment of large numbers and high acuity patients has been achieved by the commitment of staff, many of whom themselves have suffered ill health. We know and expect the Christmas period in particular, and Winter in general, are times when the hospital is most stressed and the Board recognises staff for going more than the extra step.

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 December Board meeting – combined with Quality and Finance meetings and the Nomination & Remuneration Committee; attended meetings of the Finance Committee, Business Committee.
- Met with several new starters to the Trust

- Chaired a Board Development session, with a primary focus on finance
- Meeting with Deputy Chair and Lead Governor to discuss personal objectives
- Gave a reading at the Trust Carol Concert
- Met with the volunteers at their Christmas lunch and welcomed the High Sheriff as a special guest.
- Spent the morning manning the front desk with the volunteers
- Chaired an interview panel for an Oncologist – successfully appointed a candidate
- Chaired an Energy Strategy meeting with Carbon Energy and the Cabinet Office on our developing Energy Strategy.
- Hosted a meeting with Carbon Labs on the development of smart applications for QEH
- Engaged in recruitment for new Director of Resources
- Taking part in Mock CQC Inspections with Quality Matters team.
- Tour of Outpatients

External

- Financial review with regulators
- Attended a 'Board-to-Board' meeting with UEA
- STP Joint CEO / Chairs' meeting in Norwich and STP Chairs' meeting
- Attended a NHSi 'Moving to Good' conference in Birmingham
- Performance Review meeting with regulators
- Attended HFMA Conference
- Attended King's Fund Annual Conference
- Welcomed the Secretary of State, Department of Health and Social Care to the hospital.
- Private meeting and discussions with Patricia Hewitt, Norfolk & Waveney STP Chair