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Chief Executive’s Report

This report summarises matters of current interest.

1. **Safe and Sustainable review of children’s congenital heart services**

   A Court of Appeal has found the Safe and Sustainable process for the public consultation on the future of children’s congenital cardiac services to be fair, lawful and proper. The consultation responses will now be carefully considered with a final decision expected to be made in July 2012.

   We are continuing to work with Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust as part of a strategic partnership to develop the South of England Children's Congenital Heart Network. Southampton General Hospital is one of the possible centres being considered to provide surgery for children with congenital heart disease. Since Oxford stopped providing children’s heart surgery in March 2010, patients who would have had their surgery or interventional cardiology procedure at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford have had this part of their treatment in Southampton.

   More than 750,000 people responded to a four month public consultation on the future of children’s congenital cardiac services. But a decision was delayed by a High Court ruling which quashed the public consultation following allegations raised by the Royal Brompton Hospital in London which did not feature in the Safe and Sustainable options for children’s heart surgery.

2. **Specialist funding for urological surgery at OUH**

   The Advisory Group for National Specialised Services, which advises Department of Health Ministers, has agreed the recommendation that the Ex-vivo Partial Nephrectomy should be nationally commissioned from April 2012. This means that the Trust’s service provided by Mr David Cranston, Consultant Urological Surgeon, in collaboration with Professor Friend, will receive funding for renal auto-transplantation.

   This involves removing solitary kidneys with tumours, bench dissection on ice, and re-transplant to iliac fossa. This has the potential of saving about 20-40 patients in the UK from going on dialysis every year. To our knowledge it is the first case of specialist funding in urological surgery in the UK.

3. **New initiative to improve staff engagement**

   The OUH is one of ten trusts invited to participate in the Listening into Action (LiA) initiative which seeks to provide sustainable engagement with trust employees and to connect leaders and teams with the strategic goals of the organisation.

   There has been initial learning and testing of ideas across a nine pilot trusts, and the LiA is now being rolled out at a national level. The programme will commence at OUH from this month and will run over the next year.

   The initiative is endorsed by NHS Medical Director Sir Bruce Keogh and is described as a leading approach to engaging and empowering clinicians and staff around priority areas. The pilot trusts who have adopted LiA have seen sustained improvements to staff engagement and patient experience over a three year period.
4. Oxfordshire Care Records Programme

Every individual in Oxfordshire aged over 16 years old is being asked whether they want their medical details held as part of the NHS Summary Care Record Service, which will enable core information about patients to be accessed by healthcare professionals when required in emergency circumstances. Letters were sent out by NHS Oxfordshire at the beginning of April.

In addition to the national Summary Care Record, NHS Oxfordshire is developing a local Oxfordshire Care Summary Record. This will allow authorised healthcare professionals involved in patient care locally, such as out-of-hours GPs or hospital doctors, ‘view only’ access to more detailed information about treatment and care. NHS Oxfordshire expects to around 545,000 medical records to be held electronically as part of the Oxfordshire Care Records programme.

5a. Health and Social Care Bill gains royal assent

The Health and Social Care Bill has been approved by the House of Lords and been given Royal Assent to become the Health and Social Care Act (2012). It has been exposed to unprecedented parliamentary scrutiny over the past 14 months and been debated for a total of 50 days, which is the most a Bill has been scrutinised since 1993. Key elements of the Act include:

- Primary Care Trusts and Strategic Health Authorities will be disbanded at the end of March 2013.
- Responsibility for local public health services will move to local authorities who will ensure that they are able to integrate the work done by the NHS, social care, housing, environmental health, leisure and transport services.
- A locally elected councillor and a representative of Healthwatch will be appointed to Health and Wellbeing Boards to promote integrated health and care.
- Commissioning for local health services to be the responsibility of Local Clinical Commissioning Groups.
- Commissioning of specialist and national services for the NHS, to be the responsibility of an independent National Commissioning Board.

5b. Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG)

The structure of the Governing Body for OCCG has been agreed and it is now advertising for the roles of Chair and Lay Members. The advertisement was run in the Oxford Times on 26 April 2012.

5. Regional and national appointments

Public Health England

Duncan Selbie has been confirmed as the Chief Executive Designate of Public Health England. Mr Selbie, currently Chief Executive of Brighton & Sussex University
Hospitals NHS Trust, will head up Public Health England (PHE), the new public health body that will be the expert voice for public health, when it is established in April 2013.

PHE will support the development of the public health workforce, jointly appointing local authority Directors of Public Health, supporting excellence in public health practice and providing a national voice for the profession. Duncan Selbie will take up his post no later than 1 July 2012.

**NHS Commissioning Board**

The NHS Commissioning Board Authority has announced the appointment of Jane Cummings as Chief Nursing Officer. Jane is currently Chief Nurse for NHS North of England and was previously Chief Nurse and Deputy Chief Executive for NHS North West. Jane is the eighth of the nine National Directors to be appointed to the Board:

- Chief Nursing Officer – Jane Cummings
- Chief Operating Officer – Ian Dalton
- Chief of Staff - Jo-Anne Wass
- Director of Commissioning Development – Dame Barbara Hakin
- Director of Finance – Paul Baumann
- Director of Improvement and Transformation – Jim Easton
- Director of Policy, Corporate Development and Partnership – Bill McCarthy
- Medical Director – Sir Bruce Keogh

The post of National Director: Patient Insight is currently out to open recruitment with interviews scheduled for May 2012. All the appointments are expected to transfer to the NHS Commissioning Board once it is established as an Executive Non Departmental Public Body later in 2012.

**Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

Philippa Slinger has been appointed substantive Chief Executive of Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Philippa joined in October last year as interim Chief Executive on secondment from Berkshire Healthcare Trust.

6. **New renal dialysis unit opens at Horton General Hospital**

The first patients attended the new renal dialysis unit at the Horton General Hospital on Monday, 23 April. The new unit consists of five dialysis stations to treat up to 20 patients, enabling patients who currently travel to Oxford to be treated in Banbury.

7. **OUH supporters named Olympic torch bearers**

I would like to congratulate six of our Trust supporters who have been nominated as Olympic torch bearers. They are:

- Joe Robinson – a former neuro patient who has raised over £33,000 for the department that helped him following a road traffic accident.
Simon Cruden – former patient who has been volunteering at the Children’s Hospital for 14 years, entertaining young patients with balloon modelling and magic tricks.

Amie Ing – a teenage patient on Kamran’s Ward who fundraises for her ward.

Olly Cartwright – a teenage craniofacial patient, who was heavily involved in the Children’s Hospital fundraising campaign.

Margaret Brown - a 71-year-old supporter from Abingdon who has organised several charity bike rides for the Jane Ashley Centre at the Cancer Centre.

Dr Tim Betts – cardiologist who ran seven marathons in seven days for the Oxford Heart Centre.

This is a remarkable achievement which we are reporting in the local press and in our internal newsletter. We are delighted that their inspirational efforts have been recognised in this way, and we very much appreciate all they have done for the Trust.

Sir Jonathan Michael, Chief Executive

May 2012