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This briefing is for GPs, practice staff and others in primary care, on changes and developments at the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust (OUH). It has been prepared by the OUH and will be circulated on a regular basis. You can also read it on [http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/services/gp-bulletin/default.aspx](http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/services/gp-bulletin/default.aspx)

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### 1. Key performance measures

Please see the latest summary of our performance against key standards and indicators.

- [Read our latest Performance Report](http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/services/gp-bulletin/default.aspx)

### Healthcare associated infections

- MRSA and C.difficile: latest figures

### 2. Clinical articles and referral protocols
Outpatient Echocardiography Department to open

The Oxford Heart Centre will be opening their new purpose-built Outpatient Echocardiography Department on 6 October 2014. It is situated on Level 2 as you enter the Oxford Heart Centre, on the site of the old Cardiology Ward.

Patients will be able to attend their clinic appointment and have their diagnostic tests performed in the same department without the need to move around the hospital.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the department.

Reception: 01865 234 350 / 01865 234 366
Unit Manager: 01865 234 365

Paediatric Consultant Advice Service (PCAS)

PCAS is an advice service for General Practitioners and all Primary Healthcare Professionals. Paediatric consultants are available for two hours (Monday to Friday) to give advice on non-urgent queries at the John Radcliffe Hospital, and 9.00am - 9.00pm at the Horton General Hospital. They will also respond to requests for advice sent by email.

Email responses will be within 24 hours to a sender’s mailbox.

Please use nhs.net accounts to send emails, as responses will only be to nhs.net accounts.

This service will **not** replace the standard referral route for the urgent assessment of sick children. The service has been approved by the local commissioning team and it is designed to reduce outpatient referrals.

*How to use the service*

Email: oxon.paediatricadvice@nhs.net Please include your patient’s NHS number, address and DOB.

**John Radcliffe Hospital**

Telephone: 01865 741 166 Bleep 4734
12 noon - 2.00pm Monday to Friday

**Horton General Hospital**

Telephone: 01295 275 500 Bleep 403
9.00am - 9.00pm Monday to Friday

Hepatitis C update

Would you like to hear about the latest developments in Hepatitis C?

If so, you are welcome to attend an evening **Open Forum**

**Tuesday 14 October 2014 7.00pm - 8.00pm** (with refreshments from 6.30pm)
**Training Suite, 2nd Floor, West Wing, John Radcliffe Hospital**

*The Open Forum will include:*

- updates and information on current Clinical Trials and latest developments
- information about a new Interactive Database enabling patients to update their own personal details.

Everyone is welcome – no need to book.

For further information please contact Toby Cade: 01865 222024 or toby.cade@ouh.nhs.uk

3. Consultant appointments

- Consultant in Trauma and Orthopaedics
  **Mr Stephen Gwilym** MBBS, BSc, DPhil, FRCS (Orthopaedics).

- Consultant in Specialist Surgery / Cleft
  **Mr Marc Swan** DPhil, FRCS (Plast).

- Consultant in Anaesthesia with an interest in ENT and Emergency Work
  **Dr Claire Winterborn** MBBS (Lond), BSc (Hons), FRCA (Lond).
4. Trust news and service developments

Annual General Meeting
This year’s AGM will be held at on:
Thursday 2 October 6.00pm
Assembly Room, Oxford Town Hall

Foundation Trust update: all are welcome.

Guest speakers will be:

- **Professor Michael Sharpe**, Trust Lead in Psychological Medicine and Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist
- **Dr Sarah Pendlebury**, Trust Lead on Dementia Care, and Consultant Physician and Gerontologist.

EPR update

New discharge summary

OUH is changing the way that electronic inpatient immediate discharge summaries (e-IDD) are being written on its system.

The updated format will result in a more complete record being sent to primary care, with more information contained on the summary and a new format. Each department that sends out these summaries is being upgraded to the new system on a gradual basis, one department at a time, from 6 October.

You will therefore be receiving a mixture of the two versions electronically until every department has been made live with the new document.

Neurosciences ICU Notification of Admission

This is a new document being sent electronically from OUH, which will alert you to the date / time of admission into Neurosciences ICU, and any diagnoses and procedures that have taken place as part of this event.

Electronic outpatient clinic letters

Your Practice currently receives all outpatient clinic letters from OUH on paper, as well as electronic letters from four specialties (Medical Oncology, Clinical Oncology, Haematology and Dermatology).

Over the coming months, the remaining outpatient specialties from the John Radcliffe, Churchill and Horton General Hospital will be sent to you electronically.

This will begin with Acute General Medicine and Geratology clinic letters being sent electronically over the next few weeks.

Foundation Trust update

The NHS Trust Development Authority’s Board supported the OUH FT application on 18 September.
The paper can be viewed at www.ntda.nhs.uk.

Monitor has met Board members, Divisional teams and more than 30 clinical staff to review arrangements for quality governance. After November we expect Monitor to move on to examine whether OUH is well governed, financially viable and legally constituted: all requirements of FTs.

During this final stage of Monitor assessment, elections will take place to establish OUH’s Council of Governors. See www.ouh.nhs.uk/ft for details.

Membership recruitment continues, with public membership just over 7,000. Governor Information Workshops take place in October for staff and public members potentially interested in standing as governors, to find out more about the role and the election process.

More information about dates and times

MRI video for patients

A new video for patients referred for an MRI scan has been created by the Oxford Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) and posted on YouTube. It features a patient and radiographer at the Churchill Hospital but the content is designed to be a useful source of information for any MRI referral.

You can find it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D02MT9m4rww

Appointment of Deputy Chief Executive

Director of Finance, Mark Mansfield, has been appointed to the role of Deputy Chief Executive, which he will hold in addition to his existing responsibilities.

AII Trials Campaign

OUH has pledged its support for increased transparency in medical research by supporting the AllTrials campaign. The Trust supports a growing portfolio of more than 1,300 patient-centred studies and trials and commits to the principles that all clinical trials should be registered and the results should be published.

Here for Health clinic

A drop-in advice clinic for staff and patients wanting healthy lifestyle information opened on 27 August in Blue Outpatients, Level 2, JR.

Each year we have a million patient contacts with people across the county, which is a million chances to help people make healthy changes to their lifestyle. There is also an opportunity to reach our 11,000 staff with the same messages. This clinic is part of the OUH Public Health Strategy.