

**Trust Board meeting: Tuesday, 12 February 2013**  
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<b>Board Lead</b>	Sir Jonathan Michael, Chief Executive			
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## Chief Executive's Report

This report summarises matters of current interest.

### 1. Trust Board appointments

I am pleased to inform the Board that Dame Fiona Caldicott has been re-appointed Chairman of the Trust by the Trust Development Authority for a further four year term as from March 2013. I am delighted that the Trust will be able to benefit from her wise stewardship and guidance, as we continue towards Foundation Trust status.

I am also pleased to inform the Board that Mr Geoffrey Salt has also been re-appointed for another term as Non-Executive Director.

### 2. Francis report published

Robert Francis QC delivered his final report from the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Inquiry, to the Secretary of State for Health on Tuesday 5 February 2013, and the report was laid before Parliament on Wednesday 6 February 2013. I would like to propose that we initially consider the implications of this report for the Trust, at a seminar and then bring a full report to the Board in March.

### 3. Public Health Funding

A two-year ring fenced budget for local authorities was announced by the Health Secretary from April 2013 with local authorities taking the lead for improving the health of their local communities. The way in which budgets have been decided also marks a new way of funding public health services. Building on advice from an independent expert group, the Advisory Committee on Resource Allocation (ACRA), funding will be specifically targeted for the first time at those areas with the worst health outcomes. In 2013/14 the budget for local public health services will be just under £2.7 billion. In 2014/15 the budget will be just under £2.8 billion.

### 4. Strategic Partnerships

#### Engagement between GPs and the OUH

The Trust has now completed the round of liaison meetings with the six locality groups of Oxford Clinical Commissioning Group. This has been an opportunity to improve relationships with local GPs, sharing issues of mutual interest and identifying any areas of concern, gaining better understanding of respective strategies and an opportunity for more effective engagement.

A full briefing on the issues raised through these meetings and the actions being taken by the management team will be brought to a future meeting of the board

### 5. Relocation of Head and Neck Services

Due to some short term pressures in the theatre suite at the Churchill Hospital, I have asked that there be a short delay in the planned transfer of the major Head and Neck

cancer surgery, until the current issues have been resolved. I anticipate that this will only be a short delay but will keep the Board briefed.

## **6. Visit of Jane Cummings, Chief Nursing Officer, National Commissioning Board**

Jane Cummings, the Chief Nursing Officer of the National Commissioning Board, and Viv Bennett, Director of Nursing, Department of Health, visited Oxford on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The visit was jointly hosted by OUH, Oxford Brookes University and Oxford Health. Following a wide ranging discussion which focused on joint working between local organisations and nurse education, the visitors were taken to clinical areas on levels 4 and level 7 of the John Radcliffe Hospital where they had the opportunity to talk to staff and patients. This was followed by presentations showcasing examples of how the Trust is delivering Compassionate Excellence, highlighting how the Trust's values, established in 2012, align with the core values articulated in the recently announced national nursing strategy. The afternoon was spent visiting Oxford Brookes University and Boundary Brook House, where there were further opportunities to speak with students and staff.

## **7. HFEA consultation**

On 25 January, the Department of Health published its response to its consultation on proposals to transfer functions from the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) and the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and the Health Research Authority (HRA). The public consultation ran from June to September 2012. The Department heard from all 4 main bodies directly affected by the proposals (HFEA, HTA, CQC, HRA), from other interested parties including the British Medical Association and the British Fertility Society, a number of Royal Colleges, as well as private sector organisations and individuals. Taking all views into consideration, the Department has decided that, on balance, it will not pursue a transfer of functions at this time.

## **8. Healthcare UK**

Healthcare UK is a new organisation set up to promote Britain's world leading healthcare sector to international customers and to boost the value of the UK's trade in healthcare products and services. This is a joint initiative between the Department of Health, NHS Commissioning Board and UK Trade & Investment (UKTI). Earl Howe, Minister of Health, launched the organisation at the Arab Health Congress in Dubai, accompanied by Lord Darzi the UK Health Business Ambassador and Howard Lyons, the newly appointed Managing Director of Healthcare UK.

## **9. New Regius Professors appointed**

The Cabinet Office has announced that twelve "outstanding" university departments are to be recognised by the award of Regius professorships to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The award increases the number of institutions to hold such positions from the seven to 19 and follows a competitive application process launched in October.

Regius professorships are traditionally created when a university chair is founded or endowed by a royal patron. Before this award, only two Regius professorships were awarded in the last century, both at the University of Cambridge. Previously the professorships were concentrated in just seven universities across the UK and Ireland: the

universities of Aberdeen, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Oxford, St Andrews and Trinity College Dublin.

### **10. South London Trust to be dissolved**

The Secretary of State for Health announced that the most financially challenged NHS Trust in England, South London NHS Trust is to be dissolved by October 2013. In response to responses from the local community it was also announced that he has decided Lewisham Hospital should retain its A&E, contrary to the original proposal.

The Secretary of State has accepted the broad recommendations of the report, which are:

- The Trust will be dissolved, with each of its hospitals taken over by a neighbouring hospital trust. Queen Elizabeth Greenwich, by Lewisham Hospital NHS Trust, Queen Mary's Sidcup by Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust and Princess Royal Hospital in Bromley by King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. These mergers are subject to approval from the relevant regulators.
- All three hospitals – will be required to make the full £74.9 million of efficiencies identified by the Trust Special Administrator.
- All vacant or poorly utilised premises will be vacated, and sold where possible.
- The Department will pay for the excess costs of the PFI buildings at the Queen Elizabeth and Princess Royal Hospitals and write off the accumulated debt of the Trust so that the new organisations are not saddled with historic debts. It will also negotiate an appropriate level of transitional funding to cover implementation.

**Sir Jonathan Michael, Chief Executive**

**February 2013**

