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Chief Executive's Report

This report summarises matters of current interest.

1. New contractual duty for commissioning contracts

From April 2013, the NHS Commissioning Board will be required to include a contractual duty of openness in all commissioning contracts. This means that NHS organisations, such as hospitals, will be required to tell patients if their safety has been compromised, and ensure that lessons are learned to prevent them from being repeated. Although all NHS organisations are currently expected to be open about mistakes, there is no contractual duty to hold them to account when this does not happen.

The change means that from April 2013, specialist commissioners and local Clinical Commissioning Groups will be able to use this contractual mechanism to require transparency by providers of NHS services. While the NHS Commissioning Board will clarify the details of the contractual requirement, it is likely that if NHS organisations are not "open" with patients, they will be required to apologise in writing and report the event to the Care Quality Commission.

2. Chair of NICE appointed

Professor David Haslam has been confirmed as Chair of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE). Professor Haslam is currently the National Clinical Adviser to the Care Quality Commission, Chair of the NICE Evidence Accreditation Advisory Board and an expert member of the NHS National Quality Board. NICE is currently a Special Health Authority but will become an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body from 1st April 2013, when it extends its remit to cover adult and children's social care. Through its evidence-based advice and guidance, NICE has a key role in supporting the health and care system in improving quality. It will also have a key role in promoting the integration of health and social care.

3. Chair of Public Health England appointed

Professor David Heymann has been confirmed as Chair of Public Health England's Advisory Board. He is currently Chairman of the Health Protection Agency and in his new role will Chair the Advisory Board that supports the Chief Executive of Public Health England (PHE) in delivering its mission to protect and improve the nation's health, address inequalities and improve the health of the poorest fastest. Professor Heymann will take up post formally on 1 April 2013, when Public Health England becomes fully operational. (Public Health England is a new executive agency of the Department of Health). PHE will provide a new integrated public health service that will provide expert and scientific advice and support to government, local authorities and the NHS.

4. National Operating Framework

'Everybody Counts: Planning for Patients 2013/14' planning guidance for 2013/14 was published by the NHS Commissioning Board (NHSCB) on 18 December. Further guidance will emerge in the next weeks including:

- The standard contract
- The tariff for providers
- Guidance for providers from the NHS Trust Development Authority (NTDA).

The five "offers" from the NHSCB include:

1. Support for routine NHS Care seven days per week
2. More transparency and choice (national pledge: data on individual consultant outcomes for summer 2013 in most surgical specialities)
3. Listening to patients/increasing participation (notably "family and friends" for inpatients April 2013, maternity October 2013)
4. Better data
5. High standards, safer care (The "6Cs" in nursing, medical revalidation, quality).

5. Oxford Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) – update

The Oxford AHSN received feedback from Sir Ian Carruthers on 20 November and a number of specific actions are now underway as a result. These include; development of clinical networks, the development of the business plan (specifically covering the first 100 days) and the governance arrangements, including the appointment of a Chairman and Managing Director.

I am currently acting as the Interim Senior Responsible Officer in my role of Chief Executive of the interim hosting organisation and will assume the role of Vice Chairman of the AHSN once a Chairman is in place and the AHSN formally established. The first meeting of the AHSN Interim Management Board was held on Monday 17 December. Members include: Mr Stuart Bell, Chief Executive of Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, Dr Justin Wilson, Medical Director of Berkshire Healthcare, Mr Joe Harrison, Chief Executive of Bedford Hospital (and Chief Executive designate of Milton Keynes NHS Foundation Trust), Mrs June Girvin, Pro Vice Chancellor and Dean of the School of Health and Life Sciences, Oxford Brookes University, Professor Alastair Buchan, Head of Medical Sciences Division, University of Oxford, Dr Rod Smith, Chairman of West Berkshire CCG Groups, Dr Stephen Richards, Chief Clinical Officer, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Mr Matthew Tait, Chief Executive of the LAT, Professor Andrew Farmer, Joint Chair of the Thames Valley CLRN, Ms Sandra Hatton, recently appointed Managing Director of the Thames Valley LETB, and Dr Jon Rees, Chief Executive of the Oxford BioScience Network. Two independent members covering patient and public engagement groups and the Third and Voluntary Sectors will be appointed in due course.

A formal panel interview, chaired by Sir Alan Langlands, will take place on 18th February 2013 all 15 AHSNs planned for England will be licensed by mid-2013. Further information www.oxfordahsn.org

6. HSJ awards

Congratulations to Paul Altmann, Payam Mohaghegh and colleagues at the NOC who recently won the HSJ award for Improving Care with Technology with the electronic requesting and reporting of laboratory medicine and radiology services with positive patient identification (PPID) driven specimen labelling at the bedside.

7. Institute of Medical Illustrators award

Congratulations to Jackie Love and Emma Hawke from Oxford Medical Illustration, our in-house graphic and photography department. They both recently won silver awards for their graphic entries, which demonstrated 'outstanding applications of technique in the fields of photography, design and video'.

8. Trust's Integrated Business Plan

The Trust's Five year Integrated Business Plan for the period 2013 – 2018 was published in December 2012 and is available on the Trust's Intranet and on the external website www.ouh.nhs.uk/ft

9. Foundation Trust Application

As part of the Trust's application for Foundation Trust status, there was a meeting of the Trust Board and the Board of NHS South of England, together with representatives of the Trust Development Authority [TDA], on 20th December. Formal feedback from this meeting is awaited, following which the final date for submission of the Trust's application to the TDA will be agreed.

Sir Jonathan Michael, Chief Executive

January 2013

