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## Chief Executive's Report

This report summarises matters of current interest.

### 1. Review of Emergency Care across England

At the beginning of this year the national Medical Director, Professor Sir Bruce Keogh, announced a review into the way the NHS responds to and receives emergency patients, called the *Urgent and Emergency Care Review* which was outlined as a priority for NHS England in its planning guidance for clinical commissioning groups called *Everyone Counts*.

The aim of the review is to develop a national framework to help clinical commissioning groups ensure consistent standards of care across the country. All NHS Trusts have been asked to contribute their views during the review period between 17 June and 11 August 2013. More information <http://www.england.nhs.uk/uec-england/>

### 2. Strategic Partnerships

The Trust continues to strengthen its relationship with the **Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)**. Non-Executives and Executives from the Trust held an informal meeting with colleagues from the CCG on 17 June 2013. The meeting looked at areas of shared interest including urgent care, delayed transfers of care, the CCG's planned consultation on its strategy and the Trust's Foundation Trust application.

The Trust has completed the round of liaison meetings with the six CCG Group localities. This has been an invaluable exercise in strengthening relationships, sharing issues of concern, understanding each other's strategies and discussing how engagement can be maintained and developed. The meetings confirmed the message that the OUH needs to address key operational issues that are having an adverse impact on patient care and causing considerable additional work for GP colleagues. A work programme arising from this initiative is the subject of a separate item on the agenda.

The **Oxford Academic Health Science Network (AHSN)** has been designated with immediate effect. The Business Plan is now being finalised and a Heads of Agreement has now been signed between the OUH as the hosting organisation and NHS England. Further discussions are continuing on the detailed programme and funding streams and the AHSN Chairman, Mr Nigel Keen, attended a meeting with NHS England in early July to take this forward. In addition, a number of key appointments are about to be made including the Chief Executive of the Oxford AHSN. A range of activities, including meetings to consider patient and public involvement, engagement and experience and a mental health network meeting with a focus on the integration of mental and physical health, is underway. A national 'kick off' AHSN conference is to be held on 18 July and a number of members of the Network will be attending this.

The Prequalification Questionnaire for designation as the **Oxford Academic Health Science Centre (OxAHSC)** was submitted on 31 May and it is expected that the outcome of this – i.e. shortlisting for the next phase – will be known in early July. The next phase involves a detailed application to be completed by the end of September. In support of this work regular meetings have been arranged between the four partners – the University

of Oxford, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford Health NHS FT, and the OUH. In addition, two stakeholder events have now been organised (12 July 2013 and 4 September 2013) so that the widest possible input can be received into the development of the proposal.

The Trust has recently responded to the consultation of proposed outcomes for the **Joint Health and Well-being Strategy**. The Trust is fully committed to maximising the contribution it is able to make in collaboration with all partners to the achievement of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. As well as contributing to the work associated with the individual priorities, the Trust has commenced work on the development of an overall public health strategy for the organisation and is in discussion with the Director of Public Health to ensure that this work is fully aligned with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

### 3. NHS Trust Development Authority Directions 2013

These directions enable the NHS Trust Development Authority (NHS TDA) to assume certain functions currently or previously managed by the Department of Health, strategic health authorities and the Appointments Commission. The full directions can be accessed through this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-trust-development-authority-directions-2013>.

### 4. NICE

The Department of Health has given the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence a new blueprint to look at the benefits drugs bring to patients and the wider society. NICE will be responsible for assessing new medicines as part of value-based pricing, linking the price of a drug to its value, which will be introduced in January 2014. They will work with patient groups, the NHS and the drugs industry to decide exactly how to value new drugs. Also, the DH has [launched a consultation](#) to strengthen the statutory pharmaceutical pricing scheme, which covers the prices the NHS pays for branded drugs not covered by the voluntary Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme (PPRS). The consultation is seeking views on a price cut on drug prices of between 10% and 20% to ensure the NHS is getting good value for money.

### 5. Surgical Outcomes published

The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) has published consultant-level outcome data for ten national audits as part of *Everyone Counts* guidance. This practice will also be part the NHS Standard Contract from 2014/15, which is likely to include the requirement for each trust to publish its consultants' results by specialty. NHS Choices has also published the data on a dedicated portal [www.nhs.uk/consultantdata](http://www.nhs.uk/consultantdata) as of 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The data is being published in stages across the summer starting with:

- Interventional cardiology
- Cardiac surgery
- Vascular surgery
- Thyroid and endocrine surgery
- Orthopaedic surgery

- Bariatric surgery
- Urological surgery

Colorectal surgery, upper gastrointestinal surgery and head and neck cancer surgery are all to be published in Autumn 2013.

## **6. Education and Training of all NHS Staff**

A wide ranging series of measures to improve the training, values and education of all NHS staff over the next two years and beyond has been published in the government's mandate to Health Education England, a new arms-length body set up to give NHS training and education greater focus and importance. [This mandate](#) is backed by £5 billion and will be accountable to ministers for the following strategic objectives in the areas of:

\*workforce planning

\*health education

\*training and development

## **7. Major Trauma Centre audit**

The Oxford Major Trauma Centre and Thames Valley Trauma Network welcomed the findings of an independent audit which shows 20% more patients are now surviving severe trauma since the introduction of Major Trauma Networks in 2010. Results from the Trauma Audit and Research Network (TARN) national audit show that one in five patients who would have died before the networks, are now surviving severe injuries. More details available at <http://www.england.nhs.uk/2013/06/25/incr-pati-survi-rts/>

## **8. New Oxonbike scheme**

Oxfordshire County Council is piloting a new cycle hire scheme for people travelling between Thornhill Park & Ride and the Trust's three Headington sites. The aim of the 30-bike project is to reduce the number of short car journeys between hospital sites and university campuses. Users will be able to pick up the bicycles for daily use in Headington – including travel between hospital or university sites. Bikes will be located at Thornhill Park & Ride, the John Radcliffe Hospital (in the existing cycle parking by the entrance to the Blood Donor Suite), Oxford Brookes Gypsy Lane site, University of Oxford Old Road campus, the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre (Main Entrance) and the Churchill Hospital (Main Entrance).

## **9. New occupational health & well-being centre opened**

Distinguished neurologist and former athlete, Sir Roger Bannister recently opened the Trusts new Occupational Health and Wellbeing Centre for staff. The Centre, based at the east side of the John Radcliffe site provides new premises for the existing Occupational Health team, the Back Care team, and the newly-appointed Health and Wellbeing Promotion Specialist.

## **10. Cotswold Midwifery-led Unit**

As planned, the unit in Chipping Norton has re-opened to births as of 1 July.

**Sir Jonathan Michael, Chief Executive**

**July 2013**