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## Chief Executive's Report

This report summarises matters of current interest.

### 1. Strategic Partnerships

#### Oxford Academic Health Science Network

Professor Gary Ford CBE is now in post as the Chief Executive of the OAHSN joining Dr Paul Durrands, Chief Operating Officer. They will be meeting with partners across the Network in the coming weeks and, with other members of the AHSN team, will be holding a series of meetings for the various localities. A Berkshire meeting is being held on 7 November and an Oxfordshire meeting is planned for 18 December 2013.

The Licence is in the process of being finalised with NHS England but plans are well advanced for establishing a number of clinical networks and programmes aimed to deliver the Network's objectives. The clinical networks, which form the basis of the AHSN's activities, include Diabetes, Dementia, Mental and Physical co-morbidities, and Early Intervention. Clinical Network leads are being provided with support to develop their business plans with agreed milestones and funding. Other areas of activity include; the development of the strategy of Wealth Creation, plans for taking forward patient and public engagement, involvement and experience, work with Health Education Thames Valley and the clarification of links with the Thames Valley and South Midlands Comprehensive Research Network and its constituent research networks.

A number of appointments are in the process of being made, particularly to support the development and implementation of clinical networks and other key work streams.

### 2. Foundation Trust Network Annual Conference

The Trust and the FTN launched a new publication 'Making Risk Management a Reality' at the FTN national conference in October 2013. The publication is the story of how the Trust set about building a vibrant risk management culture and contained information and tips on how to improve risk management within a health setting. The publication is available on the FTN website and has been included on our website ([www.ouh.nhs.uk](http://www.ouh.nhs.uk)) for wider availability. The presentation that I gave at the conference described our way of working in relation to risk and covered the development of our risk appetite statement, the risk register processes and the use of the Board Assurance Framework and the Corporate Risk Registers by the Board and its sub-committees. The presentation and the accompanying publication were the product of much hard work by Eileen Walsh and Claire Winch.

### 3. PLACE results published

The new patient-led assessments of the care environment (PLACE) were published on 18 September. These replace PEAT scores and involve teams of patient inspectors making unannounced visits to Trusts across the country to assess them on a range of areas such as:

- For the cleanliness of wards, including bathrooms, furniture, fixtures and fittings
- For the condition, appearance and maintenance of sites, including decoration, signage, linen and car-park access

- For patients' privacy, dignity and wellbeing, including their changing and waiting facilities, appropriate separation of single sex facilities, telephone access and appropriate patient clothing
- For patients' food and hydration (including assessment of choice, taste, temperature and availability over 24 hours)

The results for the OUH are being considered and an action plan will be taken to the Quality Committee in December and then to the Board in January.

#### **4. Divisional appointments**

Dr Jon Westbrook, currently the Clinical Director for Neurosciences has been appointed to the post of Divisional Director for the Neurosciences, Orthopaedics, Trauma and Specialist Surgery Division. He will take up his post on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Professor Chris Kennard for his skilful leadership of the division during a three year period of considerable change for the organisation.

Professor Stephen Kennedy, currently the Clinical Director for Women's Services has been appointed as the new Divisional Director of Children's & Women's Division. He will take up his post on 1<sup>st</sup> December after Dr Anne Thomson retires from the Trust at the end of November.

I would like to thank Anne on behalf of the Board for her important contribution to children's services and to the Trust over the 24 years that she has been in Oxford. During the last 3 years I have had the opportunity of witnessing her dedication to the care of children and would like to thank her for her major contribution to the development of our clinical management system. I am sure that we all wish Anne all the best on her retirement.

#### **5. Strengthening the powers of the CQC**

The Government is proposing to make amendments under the Health and Social Care Act 2008. Under new proposals, the Health Secretary will relinquish a range of powers to intervene in the operational decisions of the CQC. This means that the CQC will no longer need to ask for Secretary of State for approval to carry out an investigation into a hospital or care home. It will also remove the Secretary of State's power to direct CQC on the content of its annual report. In addition, the newly created positions of Chief Inspector of Hospitals, General Practice and Adult Social Care, will be enshrined in law.

#### **6. New Chief Executive of NHS England**

Simon Stevens has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of NHS England, when Sir David Nicholson retires on 1 April, 2014. Mr Stevens is currently a senior executive with a private healthcare firm UnitedHealth in the U.S and is a former health adviser to Labour under Alan Milburn and then Tony Blair.

#### **7. CQC new surveillance model**

On 24 October the CQC announced the second phase of its new [hospital inspection programme](#). 19 acute trusts were named (including the OUH as an aspirant FT) as the trusts to be inspected in Wave 2 during the period January – March 2014. The new approach involves larger, expert teams that include professional and clinical staff and trained members of the public, in the new inspection regime.

## 8. NHS complaints handling review

An independent report from Right Honourable Ann Clwyd MP and Professor Tricia Hart into the handling of complaints within the NHS has been published. The Government will consider [this report](#) and respond in full later this autumn. A report on the recommendations and the implications for the Trust will be brought to the Board in January 2014.

## 9. Prime Minister visits children's hospital

Prime Minister David Cameron and his wife met families and staff on Kamran's Ward in the Children's Hospital on 28 September. During the visit Mr Cameron announced, to national and local media, a further £400m for cancer drugs in England.

## 10. President of Malta visit

The President of Malta, Dr George Abela visited the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre and the Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe Hospital site on 1 November. The UK and Malta have a reciprocal health care agreement. Over the last six years Maltese patients have been admitted to the NOC and JR for complex orthopaedic, plastic and limb reconstruction surgery.

## 11. Trust-wide news

- An award-winning system to prevent errors in the blood transfusion process is saving the Trust more than £500,000 a year and has won an HSJ 'Efficiency in Pathology Services' award. Mike Murphy, Consultant Haematologist, National Blood Service and Department of Haematology, and Simon Noel, Project Development Manager, Blood Safety and Conservation Team, have used information technology to improve both safety and efficiency, by focusing on procedures before transfusion, and on the collection and labelling of samples, as well as speeding up the delivery of urgently-needed blood to operating theatres.
- The Trust flu campaign was launched at the end of September and there is an expectation from the DH that we will encourage 75% of staff to take advantage of the flu jab this year. At week four of the campaign 44% of staff had been vaccinated. The Occupational Health team are continuing to encourage all staff to make time to have a flu jab. More information on clinic times and dates is available through [this link](#).

**Sir Jonathan Michael**  
**Chief Executive**

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