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Chief Executive's Report

This report summarises matters of current interest.

1. Strategic Partnerships

Academic Health Science Network

In November I chaired the second meeting of the Oxford AHSN R&D Oversight Group in November. Discussions covered a number of key areas including:

- driving research across the NHS and universities
- developing research activities among nurses, midwives, healthcare scientists and allied health professions
- developing the ability of the Oxford AHSN region to support commercially funded research
- supporting the development of research and innovation activity in primary care.

Working groups will be established in collaboration with the National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network to progress these aims.

Improving research links with patients

A new website dedicated to 'matchmaking' patients and researchers in the Oxford AHSN region is launching in January, 2015. It aims to ensure medical research focuses on what really matters to those affected by ill-health and is carried out in ways that encourage them to take part. The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and other funders increasingly require patient and public involvement (PPI) in grant applications and in the conduct of research. This site enables researchers to log PPI opportunities and/or link with interested patients, carers and public. Researchers can enter their details via <http://patientsactiveinresearch.org.uk/for-medical-researchers/researchers/> Further information from sophie.petit-zeman@ouh.nhs.uk

Calendar of events 2015

The AHSN has organised a number of events for those partner organisations in the Oxford AHSN region. <http://www.oxfordahsn.org/news-and-events/events/>

2. Genomic Medicine Centre announcement

The Trust has been designated to host one of eleven Genomic Medicine Centres across the country that will lead the way in delivering the 100,000 Genomes Project, announced by NHS England in December. The initiative involves collecting and decoding 100,000 human genomes - complete sets of people's genes - that will enable scientists and doctors to understand more about specific conditions.

The project is aiming to transform the future of healthcare by improving how we predict and prevent disease, enable new and more precise diagnostic tests, and to allow personalisation of drugs and other treatments to specific genetic variants. More information is available on www.ouh.nhs.uk/news.

3. Dame Fiona – new national role

In early November the Secretary of State for Health Jeremy Hunt appointed Dame Fiona Caldicott to a new role as National Data Guardian for health and care. with the remit to act as the "patients' champion" on security of personal medical information.

4. New Professor of Nursing

Professor Debra Jackson has been appointed as Professor of Nursing, jointly with Oxford Brookes University, in a collaboration to develop the capability and capacity of nursing research between the two organisations. Professor Jackson will commence in post on 12 January 2015. Professor Jackson brings a wealth of experience as a healthcare researcher, research student supervisor, author, co-editor, mentor and coach.

This joint appointment will seek to develop and build further the nursing and midwifery research agenda for the Thames Valley area and specifically OUH and OBU as part of Academic Health Science Centre. Debra's role is supported by Health Education Thames Valley and will be a joint appointment between the Faculty of Health and Life Science and Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, as part of the Academic Health Science Centre, to increase the capacity in nursing research.

5. Oxford University ranked number one in the UK for the quality of its research

Congratulations to colleagues at the University of Oxford on receiving the results of the official UK-wide assessment of all university research, the Research Excellence Framework. This found that Oxford has the largest volume of world-leading research in the country. This research sets other academic agendas around the world. The University is also rated top in the REF power rankings published by Research Fortnight. The University submitted 2409 members of Oxford's academic staff, researching in 31 academic areas. The assessment panels rated 48 per cent of the University's research in the top 4* (world-leading) category while 39 per cent more was rated 3* (internationally excellent).

6. New Chancellor for Oxford Brookes University

Dr Katherine Grainger CBE will succeed Shami Chakrabarti in the role of Oxford Brookes University's Chancellor in March, 2015. Katherine is best known for her Olympic medal successes in rowing. In addition to her charity work and outstanding sporting achievements, Katherine is passionate about human rights and, in particular, those of offenders. She recently completed her PhD, which focused on the implications of whole-life prison sentences, at King's College London. This is further to her degree in Law from Edinburgh University and MPhil in Medical Law and Medical Ethics from Glasgow University.

7. Trust-wide news and developments

- Congratulations to Professor Michael Sharpe, Trust lead for Psychological Medicine on being named '**Psychiatrist of the Year**' by the Royal College of Psychiatrists Awards, which recognise and celebrate excellence in psychiatry and mental health services. Professor Sharpe was awarded for his work in research and clinical service development to integrate psychiatry into medicine; specifically for his development of the Psychological Medicine Service at OUH and for his research into the treatment of patients with cancer and depression.
- The OUH and Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust have produced a new patient passport entitled '**Knowing Me**' which will travel with vulnerable patients throughout their care and across different health organisations.

The 'passport' is filled in by the patient's carers and will contain important information about the patient, which will make their care more personalised and comfortable. More information <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gPTzT-QUic>

- I was pleased to attend the second, annual **staff recognition awards** at the Oxford Natural History Museum in early December. Congratulations again to those members of OUH staff who were nominated by colleagues from across the Trust in recognition of their outstanding work with patients. Also, presented on the same night was the annual 'Hospital Heroes' awards as nominated by readers of the Oxford Mail. More information can be www.ouh.nhs.uk/news.

8. Government policies and guidance

- In November the Health Secretary launched '[MyNHS](#)'. This is a new site on NHS Choices where people can compare the performance of their local NHS hospital, their care services and their local authority with up-to-date information. It includes searchable data on:
 - food quality
 - staffing
 - patient safety
 - mental health

Sir Jonathan Michael
Chief Executive

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