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Chief Executive's Report

This report summarises matters of current interest.

1. Strategic Partnerships

- I have been part of the Oxford AHSN team which hosted three visits in January and February in connection with a bid for the Precision Medicine Catapult (www.catapult.org.uk/precision-medicine). The aim of this specialist centre is to provide better diagnostics and smarter monitoring and adjustment of treatments. A decision on the successful location for the Catapult is expected to be made shortly by Innovate UK (the new name for the Technology Strategy Board).
- The Oxford AHSN is helping innovators make a real difference to frontline care with two unique schemes. The first is a four-day Entrepreneur Programme at Henley Business College in March/April to help health professionals turn their ideas into commercial successes. <http://www.oxfordahsn.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Entrepreneur-Programme-Flyer-final-18-Feb-2015.pdf>

The second is a call for applications (*deadline - 16 March*) for Oxford AHSN Fellowships for a Masters in Evidence Based Healthcare. Funded by Health Education Thames Valley and the Oxford AHSN, this programme is in its second year and four of the seven current fellows are OUH staff. Some of them feature in this promotional video: <http://www.oxfordahsn.org/our-work/continuous-learning/msc-fellowships/>
- The Oxford AHSN Patient Safety Collaborative held its first workshop on 3 March. Further information: <http://www.oxfordahsn.org/news-and-events/events/oxford-ahsn-patient-safety-collaborative-launch/>

2. OSCB Serious Case Review

As a partner in the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board (OSCB) the Trust has been involved in the preparation of a serious case review into children A-F (victims of sexual child exploitation). The Trust has, in common with other agencies, learned lessons since this abuse took place and has implemented training programmes for front line staff on how to recognise signs of sexual exploitation of children. Working with other key agencies such as the police and social services, a multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH) has been set up to coordinate safeguarding concerns between organisations. The Kingfisher Team has been set up by Oxfordshire County Council, Thames Valley Police and health services to ensure effective joint working and dedicated time to build trusting relationships with victims or potential victims of child sexual exploitation.

3. Trust Appointments

I'm pleased to announce the appointment of two new clinical directors and would like to welcome them to their roles. Dr Yaver Bashir is the new Clinical Director for Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery and Dr Richard Turner as Clinical Director for Ambulatory Medicine.

I would also like to welcome Dr Clare Dollery, who joined the Trust on 1 March as Deputy Medical Director, reporting to the Medical Director Dr Tony Berendt. Dr Dollery, a consultant cardiologist, will lead on audit and clinical governance.

4. Healthwatch Oxfordshire – “enter and view” programme

Healthwatch Oxfordshire has arranged a series of visits to healthcare providers across the county in February and March. The programme of visits is called ‘*enter and view*’ with the aim of asking patients and their families about their experiences of discharge from hospitals. We are being asked to facilitate these visits and promote a patient survey via our website. Healthwatch will produce a report of their findings in the summer. Sara Randall is the Trust lead coordinating these visits.

5. Winter pressures

The leaders of the Oxfordshire Health and Social Care System have attended meetings of the Ministerial Committee on Winter Pressures to explain actions that are being taken locally to reduce Delayed Transfers of Care at the OUH. While progress has been made further work is necessary to achieve the required fall in delays.

6. National tariff proposals

Following objections put forward by providers across the NHS, the national tariff proposals put forward by Monitor have been withdrawn. Alternative proposals have now been presented by NHS England and Monitor and these are being considered by the NHS. The OUH is evaluating the options put forward. Discussions are also taking place at a system-wide level in Oxfordshire to agree how to manage risk effectively across the system given the operational and financial challenges coupled with the increased levels of uncertainty. Because of the unresolved issues around the tariff, the national planning table has been extended.

7. Oxford Brookes University appoints new Vice Chancellor

Professor Alistair Fitt has been appointed Oxford Brookes University’s Vice Chancellor as of 1 February, 2015, following the announcement that Professor Janet Beer would be moving on from her role. Prior to Professor Fitt’s role at Oxford Brookes as Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research and Knowledge Exchange, he worked at the University of Southampton for 22 years, latterly as Pro Vice-Chancellor, International. In 2014, he was listed in the Science Council’s 100 leading practising scientists.

8. Trust-wide news

- Congratulations to RAF Sqn Ldr Charlotte Thompson-Edgar, who works in the Emergency Department at the John Radcliffe Hospital, for being awarded the Associate of the Royal Red Cross in this year’s 2015 honours list in relation to her pioneering work in medical treatment and training in an operational theatre.
- Work began in February on the construction of a new **Welcome Centre** at the John Radcliffe Hospital. The aim is to provide a more attractive environment for patients, visitors and staff arriving and leaving the hospital via the busy main entrance. When complete in autumn 2015, the Welcome Centre will include a new main reception desk, a patient information area, Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) and three retail units.

9. Government policies and guidance

The Government has published guidance on the ‘Prime Minister’s challenge on dementia 2020’. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prime-ministers-challenge-on-dementia-2020>. This document sets out what the government wants to see in place by

2020 and it also highlights the progress to date on improving dementia care, support and research.

Sir Jonathan Michael
Chief Executive

March, 2015