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Chief Executive's Report

This report summarises matters of current interest.

1. Chief Executive's introduction

It has been a busy six weeks since taking up the post of Chief Executive and I would like to thank the Trust Board and the many staff who extended such a warm welcome.

In this time, I have met with senior managers and staff throughout the Trust, as well as with our partners at Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group [OCCG] and Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust. I have also met with partners from the University of Oxford, and with the Academic Health Sciences Network [AHSN], and the Joint Local Negotiating Committee, amongst others, and I have visited the Sobell House Hospice.

On 23 October 2015, the Trust welcomed a visit from Dame Una O'Brien, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health. I have attended a NIHR meeting chaired by the Chief Medical Officer, Dame Sally Davies, and have also met with other colleagues from the Department of Health, Monitor, and NHS England.

I look forward to working closely over the coming years with all of you and our many other partner organisations, in the future.

2. Achieving Foundation Trust status

I congratulate the Board and all our staff on the achievement of Oxford University Hospitals' Foundation Trust status on 1 October.

This represents a real vote of confidence in the achievement and capability of everyone working at OUH. Operating as a Foundation Trust enables us to make more decisions on services and investment, becoming more clearly accountable to the people we serve and to our staff, through the Council of Governors. We know detailed scrutiny of our arrangements for quality governance, service delivery and finance has taken place and that OUH has been judged capable of responding well to the risks it faces.

As you will be aware, a number of members of the Board met during October with the team from Monitor that will scrutinise our progress. We considered with them how best to keep them informed on progress in the current year trading, our Cost Improvement Programme, cancer waits and waits in our Emergency Departments, the latter linked to developments in urgent care considered elsewhere on the Board's agenda.

Being a Foundation Trust brings no additional resources, but should give colleagues and partners confidence that we are capable and ready to deliver safe and quality care, live within our means and meet national standards.

3. Strategic Partners' Update

3.1 NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre

- The NIHR Oxford BRC and the NIHR Oxford BRU in Musculoskeletal Disease (BRU) have announced BRC/BRU Principal Fellow awards – a competitive scheme to

recognise and promote the excellence and commitment of key researchers and leaders who contribute to the success of the BRC and BRU.

- The NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) has launched a call for expressions of interest for new research programmes, ahead of its anticipated funding bid next year to the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). Work on the new BRC bid is ongoing and will be finalised at a BRC Steering Committee Away Day on 22 January 2016.

3.2 Oxford Academic Health Sciences Network (AHSN)

- OUH staff are among the second cohort of Oxford AHSN Fellows embarking on a Masters in Evidence-Based Healthcare through Oxford University:
<http://www.oxfordahsn.org/our-work/continuous-learning/msc-fellowships/>
- The second Oxford AHSN Entrepreneur Programme is under way at Henley Business School. OUH staff are among those who have completed the intensive course which gives health professionals the tools they need to turn their ideas into commercial products and services. OUH participants feature in this video:
<https://youtu.be/9hyFEJuFrfA>
- The Oxford AHSN is also setting up an 'Innovating in healthcare settings' programme with Bucks New University. It is aimed at NHS staff who are engaged with innovation, service improvement and service redesign. Details here:
<http://www.oxfordahsn.org/our-work/continuous-learning/practical-innovating-in-healthcare-settings/>

4. Trust named Digital Hospital of the Year

Oxford University Hospitals has won the Digital Hospital of the Year award in the ehi 2015 AWARDS. The result was announced on 1 October 2015 from a shortlist of five contestants.

The award is a reflection of our long history of innovation and big step towards establishing fully digital hospitals, making patients' medical history and care requirements available on the Trust's electronic patient record (EPR) system.

The Trust administers more than 20,000 drugs daily using electronic prescribing and medicines administration (ePMA). The Trust has implemented the electronic system Millennium to store and manage patient information. The Trust is recognised as one of the most advanced for implementing an electronic patient record (EPR) system in the NHS. Every day across the Trust, there are 1.2 million transactions via the EPR system used by more than 8,000 staff.

5. Monitor report to help NHS providers improve productivity in elective care

Monitor published a report in October which sets out practical steps showing how NHS providers could increase productivity in elective care and cut the length of time patients spend in hospital.

The report, a result of close collaboration with service providers, pinpoints where and how elective teams can concentrate their efforts to maximise quality and efficiency. Developed with the Royal College of Ophthalmologists and the British Orthopaedic Association, the report looks into the efficiency and productivity of elective services at a range of NHS providers, and five international centres.

The full report can be found on the gov.uk website.

Dr Bruno Holthof
Chief Executive
November, 2015