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Report to the Meeting of the Members' Council

For Information

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Report from Board of Directors

Executive Summary

A short written report is presented to this meeting on account of the length of the agenda.

Since the last meeting of the Council the Board of Directors has met 3 times: on 29 July, 30 September and 28 October. The July and September meetings were observed by Katie Steward from the Burdett Trust, with which the Trust is working to improve the information on patient care presented to the Board.

The **Community and In-patient survey reports and the relevant action plans** were discussed in detail (and are on the agenda for the present meeting).

The proposal for a **Thames Valley 'Health Innovation and Education Cluster' (HIEC)**, 'Learning to transform care' was agreed in October. Dr Hobbs will present a short report to the Council.

Further consideration was given to the Trust's **Carbon footprint reduction target** and a target reduction of 15 per cent by 2015 was agreed.

Unpredicted difficulties had come to light in connection with the **Buckinghamshire PCT's provider service** for which OBMH is providing interim management until 30 April 2010. These were the subject of discussion in September. By October the position was much improved.

The Trust's **Long-term financial plan** was discussed and agreed for presentation to Monitor by 30 September as required. This plan had been the subject of a special presentation to Council Members on 28 September. The regular Quarter 1 and 2 returns were also presented to Monitor.

At each meeting the Board discussed monthly **financial and performance reports**. At the end of month six (30 September) the financial position showed a predicted improvement against plan for the end of the year, with some concern about the achievability of the full planned cost savings.

In October the Board received its first set of '**Quality Accounts**', in accordance with a new requirement that Trusts report on the quality of their services in the same way as they do on their financial performance. The Quality Accounts will come to the Board monthly. Once the report is past its trial stage and the standards being measured are fixed, a regular digest of the report will be presented to the Council.

A detailed paper on the Trust's **preparedness for pandemic flu** was discussed.

Warneford Meadow. Permission for judicial review has been granted. The outcome is unlikely to be known for several months. One Freedom of Information request had been received.

Assurance reports (required to provide Board assurance to the Care Quality Commission) and other reports considered included:

- Clinical effectiveness assurance report
- CQC's report on safeguarding children, showing with OBMH's position
- Food and nutrition assurance report
- Patient satisfaction assurance report
- Partnership working assurance report
- Privacy and dignity assurance report
- Safety report, Quarter 1

Internal reports, plans, and updates considered included:

- Annual Plan, Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 report
- Audit Committee Annual Report
- Bi-Annual Human Resources Report
- Clinical Governance plan (including action on recommendations following the Mid Staffordshire inquiry)
- Finance & Investment Committee Annual report
- Human Resources Quarter 2 report
- Integrated Governance Committee Annual report
- Mental Health Act Managers' Report
- Revised Risk Management strategy

Recommendation

The Members' Council is asked to note the report.

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