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NHS Foundation Trust

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**Report to the Meeting of the
Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust
Board of Directors**

27 July 2011

Chief Executive's Report

For Information

1. Infection Control Update

Community health services

From 1 June 2011 it is a mandatory requirement that all E.Coli bacteraemias are centrally reported in the same way as MSSA, MRSA and *Clostridium difficile*. There has been 1 case in Witney community hospital and a full RCA has been completed with no identified root cause found. The root cause of these types of infection will always be hard to identify. Another E.Coli bacteraemia was identified on 15 July 2011 on a patient in City Ward. A full RCA is underway. This equates to 2 cases to date, and the data is more monitoring only at this time.

Mental health services

There was a suspected norovirus outbreak at Marlborough House from 28 June to 5 July 2011. The unit was able to remain open to admissions as the patients were isolated in their rooms – 5 patients and 3 staff were affected.

There was 1 case of *Clostridium difficile* in the Trust in the month of June 2011 meaning that there have been 6 cases to date against the end of year target of 13 cases.

There is one other *Clostridium difficile* case in Townlands Hospital identified in June. This patient had previously had *Clostridium difficile* and relapsed their symptoms. The allocation of this patient is under discussion with Berkshire Healthcare.

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2. Ridgeway Partnership

The Trust has been invited to submit a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire as part of the NHS south Central and Oxfordshire Learning Disability NHS Trust Divestment Project. PQQs must be submitted by 26 July 2011.

3. Grundtvig Partnership Grant

Working with partners across Europe, Colin Godfrey has successfully applied for a €20,000 grant from the Grundtvig Partnership. This grant follows a joint application to the Grundtvig 'Lifelong Learning' Programme. The partners in the application included ANPIS, the (Italian) National Association for Sport and Social Integration, which is the application promoter and sponsor, similar groups and associations in Spain, France, Belgium and Slovakia, and Oxford Coasters.

Oxford Coasters have collaborated with ANPIS as partners since 2003 in the form of participation in sport/cultural/social events (involving some 180 Coasters' members), and in working to establish a cohesive pan-European Association for Sport and Social Integration.

The grant represents the UK portion of a successful application to undertake a series of actions over a period of 2 years (2011 - 2013). A European workshop will be held in Oxford in October 2011 to develop the action programme and start work on planning an international sport event involving the partners in 2012. The grant provides funding to support the actions and the participation of 12 Coasters members. Essentially, the project seeks to develop opportunities for service users through sport and related activities to participate in exchanges with European partners, and to assist in the development of the European Association into a body with a cohesive and sound foundation.

We know that Italy's application has been placed on the 'reserve' list (with the possibility of realisation in November), France has also been placed on a 'waiting' list, Belgium's application has been successful and we are still waiting the outcome of Spain and Slovakia's National Agencies' decision.

This means that Oxford Coasters is now the Partnership Co-ordinator for the Project and Colin Godfrey will be meeting with Italian colleagues in the coming month to discuss the next steps.

4. Appointment of Tier 4 Heads of Service

The consultation process that commenced on 23 May 2011 relating to Tier 4 posts has now concluded and the proposed organisational structures within Divisions are now in place. The new head posts for the newly formed Divisions are as follows:

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Children and Families Division

Head of Oxfordshire Children's Community Health Services

Head of Child and Adolescent Community Mental Health Services

Head of Inpatient and Regional Specialist Services

Specialised Services Division

Head of Prison Services (which include all primary, secondary and tertiary services)

Head of Medium Secure Forensic Services

Head of Low Secure, WELS & PDU Services

Head of Specialist Community Services (comprising dentistry service, addictions [to be a delayed transition], Luther Street homeless people's services, and the Forensic Community Mental Health Service)

Head of Service Development and Support Services

Mental Health Services Division

Head of Service and Business Development

Head of Adult Pathway

Head of Older Adult Pathway

Community Services Division

Head of Community Hospitals

Head of Locality Teams South and West

Head of Locality Teams North and City

Head of Urgent Care

Head of Countywide Services

Appointments to the majority of posts have been made; 3 posts remain vacant and are currently being advertised through NHS jobs.

5. Extending Choice of Provider

The Department of Health issued a letter on 19 July 2011 on the implementation of Any Qualified Provider (AQP) from April 2012. A copy of the letter is attached to this e-mail. The aim of AQP is to enable patients to choose any qualified provider to provide care with the expectation that this approach will drive up quality, empower patients and enable innovation. The timetable set out in the letter indicates that AQP for mental health and community health services has been brought forward.

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Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the report.

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