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# Report to the Meeting of the

# Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

# Board of Directors

**25 January 2012**

**Chief Executive’s Report**

**For Information**

**1. Infection Control Update**

***Community health services***

There have been no gastroenteritis outbreaks, although the Health Protection Unit (HPU) has reported there are still cases of norovirus in the wider community.

There was a large outbreak of diarrhoea and vomiting in HMP Huntercombe at the beginning of December 2011, affecting 66 prisoners and no staff. This was managed by the HPU and the prison was closed for five days in total. No causative organism was identified.

*Clostridium Difficile*

There were two cases of *Clostridium difficile* at Wallingford community hospital in the Trust during the month of December 2011. These were unrelated and both patients did not exhibit true disease and were inappropriately tested. A follow up review meeting was held on 10 January 2012 and action identified. The Clostridium *Difficile* procedure has been reviewed to strengthen sampling guidance.

This equates to 13 cases to date. There have been no cases so far in January 2012.

***Mental health services***

There have been no outbreaks in mental health wards.

**2. Meetings with MPs**

Throughout the year, the Chief Executive and Chair meet with local Members of Parliament to provide an update of the Trust’s activities and briefings on significant issues that MPs ought to be aware of. On 16 December 2011, the Chair and Chief Executive met with the Rt Hon. David Liddington MP, Member of Parliament for Aylesbury. A range of topics related to mental health services in Buckinghamshire were discussed with a particular focus on the Manor House re-development.

A further meeting is planned for 1 February 2012 for the Chair and Chief Executive to meet the following Buckinghamshire MPs: Rt Hon. John Bercow MP (Member of Parliament for Buckingham and Speaker of the House of Commons), Rt Hon. Dominic Grieve QC MP (Member of Parliament for Beaconsfield and Attorney General) and Rt Hon. Cheryl Gillan MP (Member of Parliament for Chesham and Amersham, and Secretary of State for Wales).

**3. Meeting with Oxfordshire CCG, and Bucks and Oxon Cluster**

On 3 January 2012, directors of the Trust met with directors from both the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, and the Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Cluster. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss how commissioning was developing in both counties, with a particular focus on the strategic direction being taken. Contractual issues for 2012/13 were also raised, as was the progress being made under the Transforming Community Services agenda.

**Recommendation**

The Board is asked to note the report.

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