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(Agenda Item: 5)

# Report to the Meeting of the

# Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

# Board of Directors

**27 February 2013**

**Chief Executive’s Report**

**For: Information**

***National Issues***

**1. NHS Constitution Consultation**

The Government has published a report which provides an overview of responses to its consultation on strengthening the NHS Constitution (previously reported to Board). The report proposes changes to the guiding principles of the NHS Constitution only; no further changes to the Constitution are proposed. A copy of the report may be found here:-

<https://www.wp.dh.gov.uk/publications/files/2013/02/Government-report-on-the-consultation-on-strengthening-the-NHS-Constitution.pdf>

The updated NHS Constitution will be published in April 2013.

**2. PBR for Mental Health - Next Steps**

David Flory, NHS Deputy Chief Executive, has written to all trusts outlining the next steps in the implementation of Payment by Results for adult mental health services. In 2012-13, the use of mental health currencies was mandated in adult / older adult services which meant all patients were allocated to a cluster reflecting their needs. For 2013-14, the Department of Health is mandating the rebasing of current contracts on the basis of the clusters, and mandating the use of some quality and outcome measures. From April 2013, it will be for the NHS Commissioning Board and Monitor to determine the further development of PbR in mental health services. I have asked the Director of Finance to take account of this development and to consider the Trust’s information management systems in light of the requirements.

PbR pilots continue in CAMHS and secure / forensic services during 2013-14 with a view currencies being published in 2014-15.

**3. The New NHS Provider Licence**

Monitor has now published its response to the consultation on the new NHS provider licence, including the final standard licence conditions. The licence contains obligations for providers of NHS services to allow Monitor to fulfill its new duties (under the Health and Social Care Act 2012) in relation to:

* Setting prices for NHS funded care (in partnership with the NHS Commissioning Board).
* Enabling integrated care.
* Preventing anti-competitive behavior and supporting service continuity.
* Enabling Monitor to continue to oversee the way NHS FTs are governed.

A copy of the report and new licence may be found here:-

<http://www.monitor-nhsft.gov.uk/home/news-events-and-publications/our-publications/monitors-new-role/the-new-nhs-provider-licence>

Monitor will issue licences to NHS FTs from April 2013 (NHS FTs do not need to apply for a licence) with the standard licence conditions grouped into seven sections. Section 1 consists of General Conditions, setting out standard requirements and rules for all licence holders. Sections 2 to 5 of the licence are about Monitor’s new functions: setting prices; enabling services to be provided in an integrated way; safeguarding choice and competition; and supporting commissioners to maintain service continuity. Section 6 sets out Monitor’s oversight of NHS FT governance. The final section, 7, contains definitions and notes.

The licence will replace NHS FT’s Terms of Authorisation.

The Executive will need to consider the new licence regime and I have asked the Director of Finance and Trust Secretary to look it in more detail. The Council of Governors will be informed at its next meeting of the licence.

**4. Governors’ Duties and Responsibilities – Updated Guide**

Monitor has published an updated guide ‘Your statutory duties: a draft reference guide for NHS foundation trust governors’ which takes account of the changing roles and responsibilities of Governors through the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The updated guide will replace the current version which was published in October 2009. The updated guide is currently subject to consultation and the Trust Secretary is working with the FTN on finalising their response.

***Local / Trust Issues***

**5. CEO Stakeholder Meetings**

Since the last meeting, key stakeholders that I have met have included:-

* the Trust’s Full-time Trade Union Officers
* the Trust’s relationship team at Monitor

**6. Graeme Armitage**

Graeme Armitage, Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development, will be leaving the Trust to take up a new role in East Grinstead, Sussex at the end of March.  Graeme has been with the Trust for over seven years; he now joins Queen Victoria Hospital Foundation Trust in a senior role which provides him with a new challenge and the opportunity to spend more time with his young family.

The three main areas of Graeme’s portfolio will have new reporting arrangements in place from 1 April 2013. They are as follows:

* Human Resources (including Workforce Planning, Systems and Recruitment) – Mike McEnaney, Director of Finance
* Learning and Development – Ros Alstead, Director of Nursing and Clinical Standards
* Communications – Justinian Habner, Trust Secretary

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity, for my own part and on behalf the Board, to thank Graeme for his significant contribution to the success of the Trust over the past seven years and to wish him well for the future.

**7. New Highfield Unit**

On 4 February 2013, the Chairman and I were given a tour of the newly built Highfield Unit in Oxfordshire. We were impressed with the design of the new building and its fit out, and we look forward to it being opened to patients in late February 2013. A formal opening will be held later in the year.

**8. Academic Health Science Network**

In the lead-up to the Oxford Academic Health Science Network assessment interview which took place on 18 February 2013, I have attended a number of important meetings and events as part of the Network’s development. These have included a meeting at the High Wycombe campus of Buckinghamshire New University which provided an opportunity to discuss Buckinghamshire specific issues within health, academia and business.

I also attended an event convened by the AHSN Forum and Manchester Academic Health Science Centre which explored the relationship between AHSCs and AHSN.

**9. Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC)**

Work continues on preparing an application for CLAHRC funding with Professor John Geddes and Dr Belinda Lennox working on developing the bid. The Extended Executive team meeting discussed the application on 19 February 2013 and agreed to consider further the themes that should form the basis of the application. The Board will continue to be updated on progress in developing the application.

**Recommendation**

The Board is asked to note the report.

**Lead Executive Director:** Stuart Bell, Chief Executive