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# Report to the Meeting of the

# Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

# Board of Directors

**25 June 2014**

**Chief Executive’s Report**

**For Information**

***National Issues***

**1. NHS England Chief Executive**

Simon Stevens, who started as the Chief Executive of NHS England on 01 April 2014, has held his first interviews with the Health Service Journal and the Telegraph in which he warned that deep seated structural problems will require parts of the NHS to completely reinvent what is meant by a hospital and that the system outside hospitals is too complex, with too much duplication and too many gaps to fall through. He cited Britain’s ageing population as the greatest challenge faced by the NHS. At the NHS Confederation Conference he also said that commissioning for outcomes and value, redesigning care models and tapping into innovations of modern science will be the hallmarks of NHS England’s approach to the challenges facing the NHS over the next five years. These observations are consistent with the Trust’s own analysis of the strategic situation we face and our view about the best ways we can contribute to improving healthcare, set out in the Strategy document elsewhere on this agenda.

**2. NHS Confederation Conference**

I attended the NHS Confederation Conference on 05 June 2014 at which the keynote speakers included the Health Secretary, Rt. Hon. Jeremy Hunt MP, and the Shadow Health Secretary, Rt. Hon Andy Burnham MP. Shadow Health Secretary Andy Burnham noted that the time had come to reset the NHS as a service of the 21st century which catered for the whole person. The Shadow Health Secretary used his speech to outline a vision for a single service with single finances, where care is commissioned for the whole person, uniting physical, mental health and social needs. Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt in his keynote address told delegates that the future sustainability of the NHS rested on not turning back the clock on the Francis Report and revolutionising out-of-hospital care. The Health Secretary acknowledged that the NHS had made a good start on learning from Francis but that there was still a lot more to do.

I also attended a session on Integrated Services and the Better Care Fund, chaired by Norman Lamb MP, Care and Support Minister.

***Local / Trust Issues***

**3. Year-end Reports**

Following approval of the year-end reports (annual report, quality account and report, and financial statements) by the Board on 28 May 2014, I can confirm that that these documents and associated reports and certifications were submitted to Monitor, before the due date, on 29 May 2014.

I would like to thank all those involved in producing these important documents and supporting the audit and approval processes. The timescales for completing the year-end processes are always tight and I am pleased that we were able to meet the deadlines again this year.

**4. Local/Trust Developments**

The Trust has now signed the contract for the Next Generation Electronic Health Record.

In conjunction with other health and social care organisations in Buckinghamshire, the Trust is participating in a programme facilitated by PWC to enable more effective system-wide working.

**5. CEO Stakeholder Meetings & Visits**

Since the last meeting, key stakeholders that I have met, visits I have undertaken and meetings that I have attended have included:

* Interviews for the AHSC Programme Manager
* Meeting with Katrina Percy, CEO, Southern Health NHS FT
* Meeting with Anne Eden, CEO, and Hattie Llewellyn-Davis, Chair, of Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
* Meeting with David Roulston, Interim Director at Oxfordshire Healthwatch
* Health Education Thames Valley Board Meeting
* Healthy Bucks Leaders
* NHS Confederation Conference
* CLAHRC Management Board
* Hosted a visit by John Short, CEO of Birmingham and Solihull NHS FT
* Participated in the ‘Planning the Future’ programme for the new leadership teams in Oxfordshire adult mental health services
* Met with District Nurses concerning the joint review of community nursing being undertaken with the Oxfordshire CCG
* Met with the Clinical Chair of Oxfordshire CCG, Dr Joe McManners and David Smith, the new CEO and Accountable Officer

**6. International Mental Health Leadership Exchange**

In partnership with NHS England (Thames Valley Area Team), Oxfordshire CCG and University of Oxford – Centre for Suicide Research, the Trust hosted events for the International Mental Health Leadership Exchange in early June 2014. The programme brought mental health leaders together from various countries to share international, regional and local initiatives and research in relation to suicide prevention and intervention. Through supporting such collaborative events, we hope to share and learn from colleagues in different settings to support enhancing the clinical practice in suicide prevention.

**7. Prime Minister Visits Witney Community Hospital**

The Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. David Cameron MP, visited the Witney Community Hospital as part of a constituency visit on 13 June 2014. The visit provided us with the opportunity to show the Prime Minister the recently opened Emergency Multidisciplinary Unit and then Linfoot Ward, where staff described the approach we are taking to supporting frail and elderly patients. We also explained to the Prime Minister our community hospital care model that we are seeking to implement and a key part of the wider health and social care system in Oxfordshire.

The Prime Minister was also able to see the newly redesigned garden in the hospital which is used by patients, and then went on to meet the hospital’s League of Friends to hear from them the work that they have been doing in supporting the hospital.

**Recommendation**

The Board is asked to note the report.

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