

## Trust Board Report

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	26 November 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Chief Executive's Report
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	This report summarises recent corporate governance developments and other Trust events, and seeks decisions where required.
<b>Action Requested:</b>	To note the report and approve the recommendations highlighted.
<b>Report of:</b>	Chief Executive
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<b>Resource Implications:</b>	Nil
<b>Public or Private: (with reasons if private)</b>	Public Session
<b>References: (eg from/to other committees)</b>	None
<b>Appendices References Background Reading</b>	None
<b>NHS Constitution: (How it impacts on any decision-making)</b>	In determining this matter, the Board should have regard to the Core principles contained in the Constitution of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Equality of treatment and access to services</li> <li>✚ High standards of excellence and professionalism</li> <li>✚ Service user preferences</li> <li>✚ Cross community working</li> <li>✚ Best Value</li> <li>✚ Accountability through local influence and scrutiny</li> </ul>

## Background Details

	<p><b>Review</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of recent governance matters, and seeks approval of the dates of Board meetings during 2013/14..</p>
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### **Policies Approved by Trust Management Team**

A number of policies are due to be approved by the Trust Management Team on 23rd November. I will report these orally to the meeting.

### **Consultant Appointments**

The following consultants have been appointed since the October meeting of the Board:

Dr F Jayadoss – Anaesthetics

Dr I Sayers – Oncology

Mrs T De-weyman – Emergency Medicine

Dr H Ward – Respiratory Medicine

### **Use of trust Seal**

The seal has not been used since the October Board meeting.

### **Awards – Dementia Service**

The Dementia Service, launched at the Trust in November 2010, was awarded the Care Integration and Patient Safety Award by the Health Service Journal and Nursing Times in July, and on 31<sup>st</sup> October was awarded a Nursing Times Award for Patient Safety. The team is also shortlisted for another Patient Safety Award from the Health Service Journal. The winner will be announced this month.

The Board will recall that the service focuses on important safety issues in people with dementia, such as falls, the length of stay in hospital, which can impact on the risk of infection, and reducing the use of anti-psychotic medicine. Procedures are in place to identify people who need hospital treatment, and patient notes are then flagged to make sure they and their carers receive the specialist support they need throughout their stay in hospital. This includes outreach workers making daily visits to Accident & Emergency and the Emergency Assessment Unit to identify any patients who need the service. The care bundle focuses on critical elements of nutrition, hydration, communication and the environment (including safe personal space). A dedicated ward now cares for the frailest patients with complex needs. It was purpose-designed to meet the needs of people with dementia, influencing the design, colours, lighting and workstations in the bays. There is a communal area for dining, where regular activities take place, a therapeutic garden and an ensuite facility so carers can stay on the ward.

A specialist outreach team within the hospital provides advice and support to other wards, and a training programme has been undertaken for volunteers specialising in dementia so they can support staff.

### **Trust Board – Dates of meetings in 2013/14**

The Board is **recommended** to agree to hold meetings during 2013/14 at 10.00 am on the following dates:

- 28 January
- 25 February
- 25 March
- 22 April
- 20 May
- 24 June
- 22 July
- 23 September (and AGM)
- 28 October
- 25 November
- 27 January 2014
- 24 February 2014
- 24 March 2014

It is intended that Board Development Sessions will continue to be held at 10.00 am on the second Monday of the month throughout this period. If agreed, a separate note of all of these dates will be circulated to all Directors following this meeting.