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From:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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Title:	MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2011										
Author/Responsible Director:	Chief Executive										
Purpose of the Report:	To update the Trust Board on topical issues.										
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Summary / Key Points:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the financial position of the Trust • the publication on 24th August 2011 of the report of the public consultation relating to the Safe and Sustainable Review of Children’s Congenital Heart Services in England • NHS Pension Scheme – consultation on employee increases • National Institute for Health Research : Biomedical Research Units • NHS Future Forum 										
Recommendations:	The Trust Board is invited to receive and note this report.										
Strategic Risk Register	Performance KPIs year to date										
N/A	N/A										
Resource Implications (eg Financial, HR)	N/A										
Assurance Implications	The report aims to assure the Trust Board on a number of topical issues.										
Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Implications	N/A										
Equality Impact	N/A										

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Information exempt from Disclosure

N/A

Requirement for further review ? Monthly report to each Trust Board meeting.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF LEICESTER NHS TRUST

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REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2011

1. KEY ISSUES

1.1 There are two key issues to draw to the attention of the Trust Board this month, mainly:-

- the financial position of the Trust which continues to be a cause for concern: this matter is to be considered further by the Board at this meeting in the light of the reports from the Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nurse and Director of Finance and Procurement which feature separately on this agenda;
- the publication on 24th August 2011 of the report of the public consultation relating to the Safe and Sustainable Review of Children's Congenital Heart Services in England – see paragraph 2 below.

2. SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE REVIEW OF CHILDREN'S CONGENITAL HEART SERVICES IN ENGLAND: REPORT OF THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

2.1 On 24th August 2011, the Ipsos MORI report of the public consultation was published: the report was emailed to Board members by the Director of Communications and External Relations on 23rd August 2011.

2.2 The results of the consultation show Option A as being the preferred option of not only the National Review Team but also the public and patients. In 6 out of the 10 regions the public chose Option A; patients with heart disease chose Option A; people in the West Midlands and the North East of England chose Option A; and, overall, Option A was chosen by approximately 60% of the public.

2.3. The Chief Executive and Medical Director will report further at the meeting on the report of the public consultation.

3. NHS PENSION SCHEME – CONSULTATION ON EMPLOYEE INCREASES

3.1 The Department of Health has launched a consultation on proposed increases from April 2012 to the contributions made by NHS Pension Scheme members towards their pension.

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- 3.2 Under the proposals, the lowest earners are protected – those earning less than £15,000 on a full time equivalent basis will pay nothing extra. Almost all newly qualified healthcare professionals would pay 0.6% more towards their pensions in 2012/13. Contribution increases would be greater for the highest earners.
- 3.3 The Workforce and Organisational Development Committee will be considering the proposed increases and their implications for the Trust in further detail at its next meeting.

4. NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH RESEARCH: BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH UNITS

- 4.1 Three of the Trust's Research Partnerships have recently been awarded a combined £15.5M to develop and translate new scientific discoveries into ground-breaking medicines, treatments and better care.
- 4.2 The two awards secured in partnership with the University of Leicester are to look at cardio-vascular disease and respiratory disease, respectively.
- 4.3 A third award, secured in partnership with Loughborough University, as well as the University of Leicester, is to look at nutrition, diet and lifestyle. It will focus on new areas of physical activity research including the potential benefits of short periods of exercise, particularly in patients with Type II diabetes and chronic kidney disease.
- 4.4 The NIHR Biomedical Research Units Funding Scheme aims to support NHS/University partnerships to undertake internationally excellence translational clinical research in priority areas of high disease burden and clinical need, and in which the country has identified research strengths. The scheme enables excellent, but comparatively small research groups at the forefront of their field internationally, to achieve or further develop critical mass.

5. NHS FUTURE FORUM

- 5.1 The Government has asked the NHS Future Forum to continue a new phase of conversations with patients, service users and professionals following its listening exercise on the proposals to modernise the NHS. The Forum will provide independent advice on four themes:-
- information: how to make information improve health, care and well being;
 - education and training: how to develop the healthcare workforce to deliver world-class healthcare;
 - integrated care: how to ensure the Government's modernisation programme leads to better integration of services around people's needs;
 - the public's health: how to ensure the public's health remains at the heart of the NHS.

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5.2 The NHS Future Forum will report back to Ministers later this year.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Trust Board is invited to receive and note this report.

Malcolm Lowe-Lauri
Chief Executive

25 August 2011