

TRUST BOARD – 22nd DECEMBER 2014

Chairman’s Monthly Report

DIRECTOR:	Chairman
AUTHOR:	Chairman
DATE:	22 December 2014
PURPOSE:	(concise description of the purpose, including any recommendations) To brief the Board monthly on the Chairman’s perspective.
PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY:	(name of Committee) N/A
Objective(s) to which issue relates *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Safe, high quality, patient-centred healthcare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. An effective, joined up emergency care system <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Responsive services which people choose to use (secondary, specialised and tertiary care) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. Integrated care in partnership with others (secondary, specialised and tertiary care) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. Enhanced reputation in research, innovation and clinical education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6. Delivering services through a caring, professional, passionate and valued workforce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7. A clinically and financially sustainable NHS Foundation Trust <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8. Enabled by excellent IM&T
Please explain any Patient and Public Involvement actions taken or to be taken in relation to this matter:	As stated in the report.
Please explain the results of any Equality Impact assessment undertaken in relation to this matter:	N/A
Organisational Risk Register/ Board Assurance Framework *	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisational Risk Register <input type="checkbox"/> Board Assurance Framework <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Featured
ACTION REQUIRED *	
For decision <input type="checkbox"/>	For assurance <input type="checkbox"/>
	For information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- ♦ We treat people how we would like to be treated
- ♦ We do what we say we are going to do
- ♦ We focus on what matters most
- ♦ We are one team and we are best when we work together
- ♦ We are passionate and creative in our work

* tick applicable box

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF LEICESTER NHS TRUST

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REPORT BY: CHAIRMAN

SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT

Festivals

It is right that we should celebrate Christmas both in its religious sense and as an opportunity for families and friends to come together at this time. We should of course also think of those less fortunate than ourselves and I commend the efforts that staff are making in terms of donations and voluntary work. We have a rich mix in the diversity of our population in the City and the two Counties. I am also conscious that since I have taken up this role different communities have celebrated Eid, Divali and Guru Nanaks Birthday with the same spiritual depth or sense of sharing gifts as we celebrate Christmas. As one of the largest employers and public bodies in the area it is appropriate that as a Trust Board we recognise and celebrate this diversity.

Performance and Resources

The various reports being considered by our Trust Board highlight two key challenges.

The first is that there are a number of external factors (and our ability to influence these may be limited for various reasons) and internal factors (for which we must take responsibility) which impact on our performance. In terms of external factors we need to build meaningful relationships with other organisations that yield results and this is only possible if we arrive at a shared vision and perception about what is happening. In terms of internal factors we have to be self critical and transparent about our performance with appropriate accountability. Whilst emergency services are our focus at the present time we have to ensure that this scrutiny is across the entire organisation.

The second is that as a Trust Board we have to focus on the use of resources within the organisation and recognise that in financial terms we need to be strategic with committing resources when making key investment decisions, as we did recently in relation to electronic patient records, but also think about our sustainability as an organisation. In health terms financial expenditure cannot be separated from discussions about the quality of services and this should be the case. However I do not myself subscribe to the view that innovation and improvements in quality always require more resources and we have to encourage this approach.

The implications of both these issues will be that we have to ensure that we consider the right information about the right issues at the right time. As a Trust Board we will be actively considering the nature of the reports that will be needed if we are to make decisions in the future that show we have a clear sense of direction as well as determination to resolve the complex and interrelated challenges which we face.

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