

# Chairman's Note

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Dear Board Member,

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

We continue to have a challenging experience along all aspects of the emergency pathway and it is clear that this is an issue which has implications for the entire Trust in terms of the quality of the patient experience, staffing issues and financial implications. A separate theme is the national and local focus on cancer waiting times and I know that staff are trying their best to ensure that this group of patients is not disadvantaged because of other service pressures within the Trust. The Chief Executive will expand on these themes in his report.

Later this month we expect to receive the final report published by the Care Quality Commission following its well led inspection and other previously unannounced inspections visits as part of the new inspection regime. This will provide us both as a Board and the wider organisation with an opportunity to reflect on the governance, quality and safety themes that may be contained within the report.

On behalf of the Board I look forward to welcoming HRH The Princess Royal when she visits the Trust on 7<sup>th</sup> March in order to formally open the new Emergency Department. This will provide our staff, volunteers, patient partners and patients with an opportunity to meet her as well as a number of our external stakeholders. This is a significant moment given that the new Emergency Department project represents the largest single tranche of capital investment in this particular health economy for over two decades.

I look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming Board meeting on 1 March 2018.

Regards ,  
Karamjit Singh

*Chairman, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust*