

ITEM: 2

MEETING:

Trust Board 19 September 2007

TITLE:

Chief Executive's Report

SUMMARY:

The CEO report updates the Board on key issues that do not warrant at this stage a full board paper.

ACTION:

Information

REPORT FROM:

David Sloman, Chief Executive

SPONSORED BY:

Not applicable

Financial Validation

Lead: Director of Finance

Not applicable

Compliance with statute, directions, policy, guidance

Lead: All directors

Not applicable

Compliance with Healthcare Commission Core/Developmental Standards

Lead: Director of Nursing & Clinical Development

Reference: Not applicable

Compliance with Auditors' Local Evaluation standards (ALE)

Lead: Director of Finance

Reference: Not applicable

Compliance with requirements of FT application and monitoring regime

Lead: Director of Strategy & Performance

Reference: Not applicable

1. New Director of Research and Development at Whittington

Professor Monty Mythen joined the Whittington on 23 July 2007 as Director of Research and Development. This appointment is a six-month secondment from the UCL, Institute of Child Health.

As the Whittington's Director of Research and Development Professor Mythen's key objective will be to oversee the implementation of the review of the Whittington's research function that was approved at the February meeting of the Trust Board. At the end of his six month secondment, he will also make recommendations for the ongoing leadership arrangements for research and development at the combined Whittington and UCL Archway Campus.

Monty Mythen brings a wealth of experience to the role, having made a major contribution to the development of the successful bids to establish UCLH as a Comprehensive Biomedicine Centre and Great Ormond Street Hospital as a Specialist Biomedicine Centre.

For further information contact David Sloman, Chief Executive on 0207 288 3636

2. NHS London: Provider Agency performance monitoring regime

The Trust's annual plan, submitted in April this year, is subject to regular monitoring by the strategic health authority's provider agency. The form of this monitoring is based on the Monitor model, which uses the information provided to assess performance under four key headings. The first quarter position was reported at the end of July, comprising detailed financial returns, a summary analysis of performance against key targets with accompanying narrative on the principal risks. The outcome of the Provider Agency review assigned the following risk ratings:

Financial	risk rating 4 on a scale of 1 – 5 (where 5 is the best)
Governance	Green (traffic light system)
Services provided	Green
Quality and safety	Amber (resulting from MRSA trajectory performance)

This represents an improvement in the financial risk rating in the original plan from 3 to 4. All other ratings have remained the same. Overall this is judged to be good performance and means that we shall be placed on quarterly rather than monthly monitoring. The results for all London trusts covered by the Provider Agency are due to be posted on their website and will be reported to the Board if available.

For further information contact Susan Sorensen, Director of Strategy and Performance on 0207 288 3706

3. Building for Babies appeal

The appeal is going extremely well with over £300,000 raised since May 2006. We recently received £60,000 from Goldman Sachs to purchase two Giraffe incubators. Also substantial donations have been received from the Variety Club of Great Britain, Lifeline for Kids and Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London. These gifts are also designated for equipment. Asterol held a golf event in honour of Building for Babies last week. They will be donating about £1,000 to the appeal in lieu of cash prizes to the golfers.

Forthcoming events:

- Sunday 16 September - Bunbury Celebrity Cricket Match, North Middlesex Cricket Club, Park Road, Crouch End, London.
- Sunday 30 September - Highgate 5k Fun Run: Run, jog or walk around Highgate and Hampstead Heath in the village's first ever fun run!
- Saturday 1- November - 'The Beatles Greatest gift to mankind' lecture by Dr Ben Timmis at Highbury Roundhouse.
- Monday 3 December – Christmas concert at Lauderdale House
- Tuesday 4 December – Cultivation Concert in Whittington Atrium with Jazz/World Music Sextet performing “Little Gidding – A Place in and Out of Time” inspired by the poetry of T.S. Elliott.

For further information contact Deborah Goodhart, Head of Communications on 020 7288 5983.