

MEETING:

Trust Board 15 October 2008

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. Official opening of the new building and Annual Public Meeting

Over 120 people attended the official opening of the new building on Wednesday 1 October 2008. Ribbon-cutting by the governors at 4.30pm was followed by tea and public tours at 5.00pm.

At 6pm the annual public meeting was held in the undergraduate lecture theatre with over 150 people attending. Chairman Joe Liddane gave an excellent review of the year, followed by director of finance Richard Martin who presented the annual accounts. Governor Ron Jacobs spoke of his experience of being a governor and his expectations and hopes for the future of the Whittington as a foundation trust

The evening concluded with the presentation of the sixth annual Whittington Achievement Awards to acknowledge staff who have made an outstanding contribution to the hospital.

The overall winner was John McConnell, front of house porter. Known as JJ, he is the first point of contact for many of our patients, consistently offering a warm and friendly welcome, seeking out patients who need assistance and providing an excellent service. His award was presented by Jeremy Corbyn MP.

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2. Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST)

Work is underway gathering evidence prior to the two-day assessment visit on 10 and 11 November. The Trust is currently at level 2 (level 3 being the highest) for services other than maternity and being assessed again to retain this level. The trust's performance is measured against the NHS Litigation Authority (NHSLA) Risk Management Standards for Acute Trusts (formerly known as CNST). The assessor will look at evidence provided against five standards: governance, competent and capable workforce, safe environment, clinical care and learning from experience.

The Maternity services are assessed separately, and were successful in achieving level 3 (the highest) in January 2008.

For further information contact Deborah Wheeler, Director of Nursing and Clinical Development 020 7288 3588.

3. Mixed sex accommodation

Representatives from NHS London and Islington PCT visited the Whittington Hospital on 7 October 2008 to look at mixed sex accommodation. This followed poor responses to the mixed sex questions in the 2007 Annual Patient Survey.

The formal report has not yet been received, but verbal feedback was encouraging. The areas they visited were all compliant, although they did have several suggestions for improvement as follows:

- Consider providing two separate male and female areas for Mary Seacole ward
- Assess the practicality of enlarging the partitions in the Great Northern Building bays to provide more privacy
- Provide a female shower on Victoria Ward
- Ensure patients of the opposite sex in ITU are cared for next to each other, rather than opposite each other
- Provide written information for patients in areas where patients are cared for in single sex accommodation but within wards that have both sexes.

Once the written response has been received, it will be shared with Trust Board and the action plan updated.

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4. Local Supervising Authority midwifery review

On 1 October the Whittington's maternity unit had its annual audit of statutory supervision of midwives by local supervising authority. The service was audited against five standards - women focused services, supervisor systems, leadership, midwifery practice and equity of access – all of which were met. The trust was particularly commended for developing a guideline for mental illness in pregnancy. This is now going to be shared with other units as an example of good practice. There was also positive feedback on the leadership qualities of the supervisors and their high profile in the unit. The excellent work that had been done with hard to reach groups such as Turkish and Somali women was also noted.

For further information contact Linda McGurrin, General Manager, Women and Children 020 7288 5744.

5. Risk reporting

In line with the risk management strategy, the Trust Board will be notified on a monthly basis of risks that have been newly added to the Risk Register and the Board Assurance Framework (BAF), through the Chief Executive's report.

The Board is asked to note that one new risk has been added to the BAF, relating to the achievement of foundation trust status. This is included in the revised BAF in Doc 12. The following three new risks were added to the Risk Register:

Risk Ref No	Directorate	Risk	Raw Rating
08/98	IM&T	Potential loss of person identifiable data from theft of laptops	3x5=15
08/99	IM&T	Potential insecure transfer of person identifiable data off site	3x5=15
08/100	IM&T	Lack of compliance to trust Confidentiality & Information Security policies	2x5=10

Residual risk rating of these newly identified risks will be assessed against mitigations and will be reported to the Executive Committee by the end of October.

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