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MEETING:

Trust Board 15 April 2009

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

1. Healthcare Commission investigation into Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust

Board members will be aware of the recent publication of this report from the Healthcare Commission.

A review of practice at the Whittington against the report's recommendations is being undertaken and will be brought to Trust Board following discussion at the Clinical Governance Committee. No immediate concerns have been identified.

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

2. Care Quality Commission

The Care Quality Commission came into being on 1 April 2009. It has been established to regulate the quality of health social care and look after the interests of people detained under the Mental Health Act. It brings together the work of the Commission for Social Care Inspection, the Healthcare Commission, and the Mental Health Act Commission.

The Care Quality Commission has granted The Whittington Hospital NHS Trust unconditional registration.

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3. Risk reporting

In line with the risk management strategy, the Trust Board is notified of any new risks that have been added to the trust risk register, through the Chief Executive's report.

The Board is asked to note that four new risks are to be added to the risk register, as follows:

Risk ref no	Directorate	Risk	Raw rating
09/06	Facilities	Threat to and caused by medical records, wax samples and other items stored in basement of Jenner building. The materials are in poor condition and poorly stored. Together they amount to a significant fire load and if ignited would generate a major fire beneath what is an important building for the trust.	5x3=15 (high)
09/07	Facilities	Risk of failure of fire alarm systems in what was previously known as the GNB. The system is in parts approaching the end of its designed life and replacement parts are becoming obsolete and unavailable	3x5=15 (high)
09/08	Paediatrics	Not every child who attends ED is	2x5=10

		checked against the register of child protection plans, in line with the directive from NHS London. (All children about whom there are concerns are checked)	(moderate)
09/09	Surgery	Critical care outreach team not available at night	5x3=15 (high)

Residual risk rating of these newly identified risks will be assessed against mitigations and will be reported to the Audit Committee in June.

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4. Fundraising appeal for Care of Older People

The hospital is launching a short term appeal for the Care of Older People Unit (JKU) with a target of £100,000.

The fundraising team will focus on raising money for equipment and to help make the Jeffrey Kelson Unit more comfortable. Staff have helped to draw up a list of items needed and will help to form a fundraising committee chaired by non-executive director Edward Lord. It is envisaged that this appeal will reach target (bearing in mind the current economic downturn) within 12 months and various fundraising events will be held to support this appeal for 2009.

This period prior to a major appeal being launched will allow Charitable Funds to strengthen the infrastructure necessary for a major appeal to be successful.

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

5. FT Programme Board (FTPB)

The FT PB met on 27 March to review its purpose and function following the decision by the Trust Board on 18 March 2009 to withdraw the Whittington's current foundation trust application. The FTPB recommends that the group is disbanded until such a time that the Trust is in a position to re initiate its FT application.

The Board is asked to approve the disbanding of the FTPB

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6. Healthcare for London update

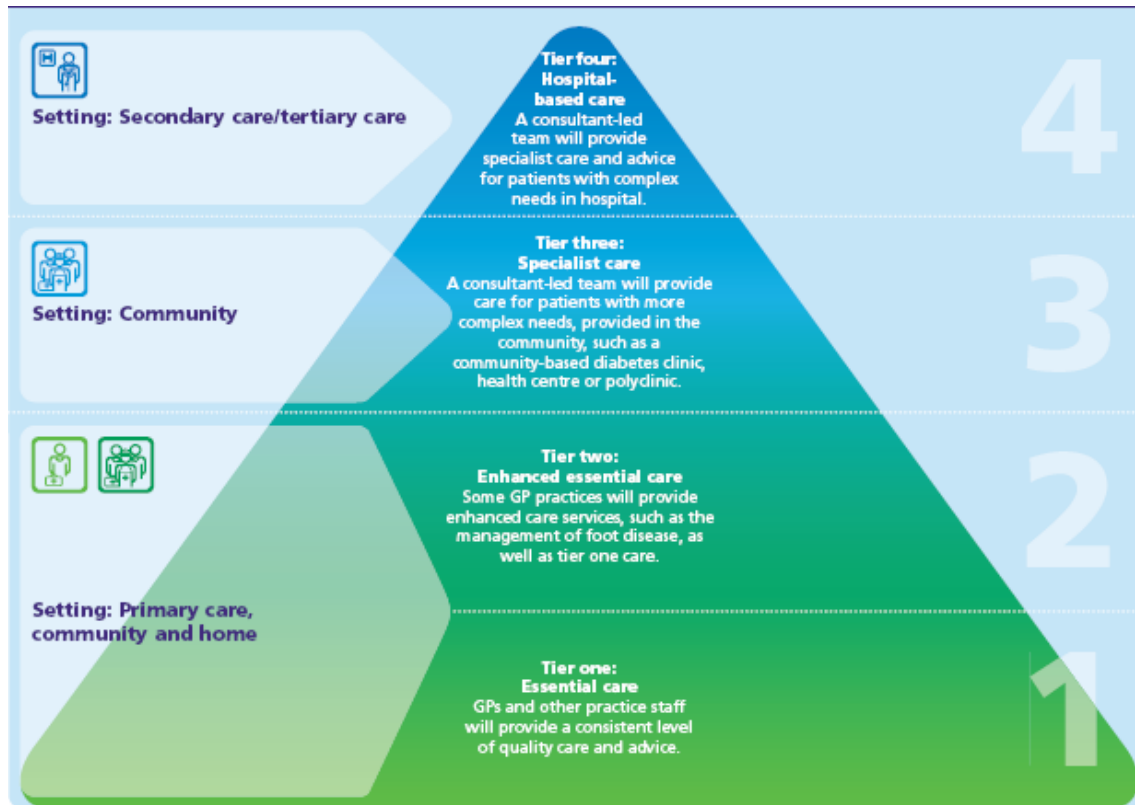
HfL launched its 'Diabetes Guide for London'¹ on 30th March 2009. Its major goal is to 'address the huge differences in the standards of diabetes care that exist in communities across London'. It sets out a new model for diabetes care which aims to improve:

- Early detection and intervention
- Placing individuals at the centre of their care

¹ <http://www.healthcareforlondon.nhs.uk/assets/Publications/Diabetes/Diabetes-guide-for-London.pdf>

- Care planning and self management
- Integration of care to reduce duplication, improve consistency and positively affect patient compliance
- Quality assurance, evaluation and monitoring of services
- Targeting high risk populations.

It describes care delivery in four tiers happening in three settings as represented in the diagram below:



It is assumed that the required changes to service will be driven by the PCTs. HfL presents a Diabetic Commissioning Model within the guideline which complements the model of care. It sets out the requirements and next steps to turn the model into reality. No targets are set, although it is assumed that services will have improved to the described level by 2012.

The Trust will now benchmark the current level of service provided both within the hospital and in the community against this new model and guidance. This new model of care represents an opportunity for the Trust to develop its services in line with the Trust's strategic vision, and in fact extends the work it is already involved in, for example the Co-Creating Health project. Further reports will be brought to the Board as this work progresses.

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