

Whittington Health Trust Board

27 March 2013

Title:	Chief Executive's Report to the Board						
Agenda item:	13/040		Paper			2	
Action requested:	<i>For discussion</i>						
Executive Summary:	<p>The report updates the Board with policy changes that will affect the organisation and key issues facing the Trust.</p> <p>Headlines for March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three month listening exercise for estates strategy • Month 11 finance report • NHS Sustainability Day on 28 March • Friends and Family Test • Procurement Shared Service • Electronic Patient Records 						
Summary of recommendations:	<p>The Board is asked to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss the report 						
Fit with WH strategy:	This report provides an update on key issues that could affect the achievement of the trust strategy.						
Reference to related / other documents:	FT progress report						
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1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update the board on local, regional and national policy changes that will affect the organisation and sets out the key issues facing the Trust.

2. Three month listening exercise for estates strategy

The Trust Board has agreed to review its estates strategy. This is being carried out through a listening exercise. Actions to date include meetings with MPs and local councillors, engaging with the media to explain our strategy, attending Overview and Scrutiny Committees, inviting 6000 FT members to write to us to give their feedback and to attend public engagement meetings. We are planning a series of Open Days in April and May when staff will show members of the public around the hospital.

We are inviting feedback on the future of our estates until 31 May. We will consider all of the feedback and develop a response which we will discuss with our commissioners and stakeholders before providing a response to the Trust Board in July.

3. Month 11 finance report

The month 11 position is £44k worse than the planned position in month and £409k better than planned cumulative year to date. The cumulative year to date position includes favourable non-recurrent adjustments to income & expenditure of approximately £2,235k. If this favourable movement had not happened, then the year to date position would be £1,827k off plan.

The key contributors for the adverse budget variances relate to additional cost pressures arising in year of c. £1.3m and slippage of Cost Improvement Programmes (CIPs), which is, year to date, £435k (5.3%) below plan.

At present we are still forecasting a surplus position in line with the plan, but this is dependent on continuing to deliver both the improved run rate in month, and the improvement in performance against CIP targets.

4. NHS Sustainability Day on 28 March

London hospitals are celebrating NHS Sustainability Day on 28 March 2013. Whittington Health has been involved in planning the event "An Evening with Sir Chris Bonnington" starting at 5.30 pm at GOSH, WC1N 1LE.

RSVP to nhssustainabilityday2013@bartshealth.nhs.uk

5. Friends and Family Test

In line with national policy, the Friends and Family test will be in place from 1 April 2013 for acute trusts, community hospitals, emergency department and minor injury units across the country. The test asks “*how likely are you to recommend our ward to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?*” The test focuses on patients’ experiences of using services to identify areas of improvement.

As a Trust we actively encourage feedback from our patients and carers in order to continually improve our services.

To find out more about the Friends and Family Test see the attached or visit the Department of Health website <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/tag/friends-and-family-test/>

6. Procurement Shared Service

The trust executive committee has previously considered and approved a project to expand the procurement shared service to another three trusts in the North Central London sector. This collaboration has resulted directly from our involvement with UCLP. The additional three trusts are;

- Great Ormond Street Hospital
- Moorfields Eye Hospital
- North Middlesex Hospital

In addition, Barnet and Chase Farm Hospital is also being brought into the wider shared service as part of the proposed merger with the Royal Free Hospital.

The project board has confirmed Whittington Health as the host of the shared service, and the Director of People is acting as adviser to the project board with particular responsibility for the appointment of the director of the new service and for managing the transfer of undertaking of staff to the Whittington Health payroll. The project plan is ambitious, with a potential “buying power” of c£800m which will make the hub the largest in London. The implementation plan establishes the service for all member trusts by the first week of June 2013. Recruitment of a substantive director of the service has been arranged and is now underway. The aim is to make the appointment before the shared service is established. This is a crucial post to the success of the new service. Once this service is established, the existing Procurement Shared Service will be subsumed and become a part of the bigger procurement hub.

Because the trust is host, an executive director and non-executive director will form part of the appointment panel of four. According to the assurance and governance framework documents framing the new organisation this new post will report to a full executive member of the trust board and therefore will transfer to the director of finance.

7. Electronic Patient Records

The EPR Board in February confirmed the go-live dates for the EPR modules as :-

1. Maternity - 01/05/2013
2. PAS and ED - 24/08/2013
3. GP Portal - 09/09/2013
4. Community - October 2014

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17 March 2013