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MEETING:
Trust Board
19 July 2006

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

Financial details supplied/checked by: (Name of finance officer) not applicable

Recommendations contained within this paper have been checked for compliance with relevant statute and regulations/directions/policy as follows:

(Relevant law/direction etc.)

(Name)

None applicable



1. New building

With the building nearing completion, handover dates are being finalised with the project company and it is anticipated that the facility will open during the summer period.

The new state-of-the-art imaging equipment, including CT, nuclear medicine and digital imaging kit has been installed. The new MRI scanner is due to arrive in August.

For more information contact Susan Sorensen, Director of Finance and Strategic Development on 020 7288 5002.

2. Foundation Trust update

Following the Foundation Trust Diagnostic, the Whittington wrote to the Department of Health informing them that we remain keen to pursue Foundation Trust status at the earliest opportunity but would not be proceeding with the wave 3A application.

The Trust has now developed an action plan to address the issues identified by the diagnostic process. A copy of the plan is available to all board members. The FT Project board will be monitoring progress against this action plan and progress will be reported regularly to the Board.

For more information contact Jon Green, Assistant Chief Executive on 020 7288 5644.

3. Archway Redevelopment

Islington Borough Council has launched a public consultation of four options for the redevelopment of Archway Circus.

Option one includes for Archway Tower to be re-clad to improve its appearance. Options two, three and four require the demolition of the Archway Tower.

Following concern that three options may result in Archway station closing Councillor Terry Stacy, deputy leader and executive member for housing and communities at Islington Council has assured the Trust that none of the four options for regenerating Archway, involve closing Archway Tube Station for any period of time and Transport for London and London Underground have stated that they will not support the closure of the station.

The consultation process concludes on 24 July 2006 and the Trust is preparing a response in consultation with its campus partners. Trust non-executives are asked for their opinions on what the trust response should be. The options are available to view at Archway Library, or they can be downloaded from

www.islington.gov.uk/environment/planning/majorschemes/archway/default.asp

For more information contact Philip Ient, Director of Facilities on 020 7288 3600.

4. Appointment of Director of Primary Care

The strategic aim of the Whittington is to become the hospital of choice for local people. This means establishing services that are responsive to the needs of local people and are based on excellent clinical and managerial relationships with local primary care.

To support the implementation of this strategy Siobhan Harrington has been appointed as Director of Primary Care. She will be responsible for ensuring that the services of the Trust are aligned with the needs and expectations of local people and local general practice. She is currently Director of Primary Care Commissioning at Haringey Primary Care Trust and will be starting on 4 September 2006.

For more information contact Margaret Boltwood, Director of Corporate Affairs and Human Resources on 020 7288 5285.

5. Hospital at night

The Whittington Hospital's Hospital at Night team will begin work on 3 August 2006. The creation of the team is a shift away from traditional ways of providing out of hours cover to a multidisciplinary team approach.

This will mean some changes to the operating procedures in place overnight. A new operating policy has been discussed with all staff affected and is currently undergoing a final draft and agreement process before being forwarded to all departments for dissemination to staff. The main changes will be:

- The re-introduction of the Trust bleep policy
- The creation of a HaN team that will work together to provide the best possible care to all patients out of hours
- Formal clinical handover every morning and evening

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6. Building for Babies fundraising appeal

The Building for Babies appeal is gaining momentum as we enter the crucial phase of applying to foundations, trusts and companies. Since the launch of the appeal in May we have raised over £36,000. The Mayor of Haringey announced in June that Building for Babies would be the beneficiary of her fundraising efforts during her year of office. A number of fundraising initiatives have been lined up over the next few months. These include the Hydroactive women's challenge and a campaign to distribute the Building for Babies leaflet to households and businesses in Haringey and Islington.

For more information contact Deborah Goodhart, Press and Communications Manager on 020 7288 5983.