

**ITEM: 2**

**MEETING:**  
Trust Board  
17 May 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**



## 1. Fundraising Appeal – Building for Babies

### Launch news

The Building for Babies £3 million appeal to move expand and refurbish the neonatal intensive care unit was launched successfully on Monday 1 May. Patrons Tony Hadley and Geoff Martin of the Ham and High joined appeal chair Barbara Roche and Whittington chair Narendra Makanji along with over 100 children for a treasure hunt in Waterlow Park

### London Marathon update

Five of our six runners completed the marathon on Sunday 23 April. Dr Wynne Leith, consultant paediatrician made over £5,000 for the appeal with the others making over £1,000 each.

*For further information contact Sheba Safo Adu Appeal Manager on 020 7288 5641.*

## 2. Next stage of redevelopment

We have been given the go-ahead to proceed with work on our Strategic Outline Case to complete the redevelopment of the site. This will build on the work carried out last year by Fynamore Management Consultants to establish the configuration of services and facilities in support of our strategic direction. As a first step, work is currently being undertaken to analyse the relationship between our local costs and the national tariff for the different services we provide.

*For more information contact Susan Sorensen, Director of Finance on 020 7288 5002.*

## 3. Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts level 2

The Whittington is delighted to have achieved level 2 compliance with the CNST General Clinical Risk Management Standards at this assessment earlier this year. The litigation authority says that this result is well deserved as it reflects positively on the enormous amount of work undertaken since the last assessment. The authority says:

***The trust has undergone many changes and has worked its way steadily and surely from level 0 in March 2003 back up to level 2 in March 2006. The staff are to be commended on this achievement, as it is no mean feat in these dynamic times when there are so many challenges for trusts to engage in. Risk management appeared to be viewed as a corporate issue and addressed at all levels across the trust. There were areas of good practice seen at the assessment, in particular The Infection Control Report (2004-2005).***

*For further information contact Deborah Clatworthy, Assistant Director of Nursing on 020 7288 5469.*

#### **4. Chair and Chief Executive of London Strategic Health Authority announced**

**Dr George Greener CBE** is Chair of the new London Strategic Health Authority. Educated as a scientist, Dr Greener holds various appointments including Director, Reckitt Benckiser plc, Director, J.P.Morgan American Investment Trust plc and the Chair of Kellen Investments Ltd. for Terra Firma Capital Partners. He retired as Chairman of the British Waterways Board in 2005 having also chaired The Big Food Group plc and the Swallow Hotels Group plc. During his career he was Group CEO of Hillsdown Holdings plc and Group CEO of BAT Financial Services (Allied Dunbar Assurance plc, Eagle Star Holdings plc and Threadneedle Asset Management Ltd).

**David Nicholson CBE** has been appointed Chief Executive for the London Strategic Health Authority. He has been the Chief Executive of Birmingham and Black Country Strategic Health Authority since 2003, and of West Midlands South and Shropshire & Staffordshire SHAs since 2005. David has worked in the National Health Service for over 25 years and has extensive experience at national, regional and operational levels. He was formerly Regional Director for the NHS in Trent, and previously worked in a range of front-line NHS organisations including nine years as Chief Executive of Doncaster Royal Infirmary NHS Trust.

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