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MEETING:
Trust Board
16 May 2007

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.
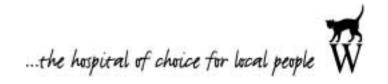
ACTION: Information

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.   Dr Foster Report
On Tuesday 24 April Dr Foster published tables on patient mortality for all hospitals in the UK: this received considerable press coverage. The figures put the Whittington amongst the best in the country.

For more information go to the website http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health

2.   Improving access
The new stairs in the outpatient block opened on Monday 16 April. This means that patients and staff can now access all levels of the new building by stairs. Work is continuing on the decoration to the stairs and landings which will be completed soon.

This coincided with the opening of the new staff entrance/night exit and transport lounge which is next to the emergency department entrance. This entrance will be access controlled for all staff 24 hours a day. The night exit will come into action every day when the main entrance on Magdala Avenue closes and along with the Jenner Exit will be the only way out for staff, patients and visitors between 2100 - 0715.

3.   New Pathology system goes live
On schedule at 9.00am on Monday 23 April the Whittington went live with a new Pathology system for biochemistry and haematology. This was followed by microbiology on 30 April, Histology on 8 May and blood transfusion on 14 May.   The new system is Winpath, supplied by CliniSys and was purchased via the London Connecting for Health (CfH) contract with British Telecom, ensuring it is CfH compliant and fit for the future.

The Winpath system is installed in 40 per cent of London acute trusts, including the Royal Free, with whom we are collaborating on Pathology modernisation.

4.   New Day Treatment Centre
The building of the new day treatment centre is progressing well and is on schedule to open to patients in early 2008. The centre will bring together elective services from across the hospital including the day surgery unit, endoscopy, imaging and outpatients.

The day treatment centre will include four day surgery theatres, an interventional radiology theatre, four endoscopy suites and recovery bays for 40 patients and will result in increased capacity for day surgery.

The project team has visited a recently opened day treatment centre in Chichester to inform the development and implementation of the move from our current ways of working to the new centre.   Discussions are ongoing with clinicians and commissioners regarding filling the capacity. Dr Simon Walker is the clinical lead for the centre. A project board has been put in place and is meeting on a two monthly basis to ensure delivery of the project.

5.   National smoking ban to start on 1 July 2007
Smoking in enclosed public places will be banned in England from 1 July 2007. The ban covers all enclosed public places including offices, factories, pubs and bars, but not outdoors or in private houses.

The Whittington became smoke-free on 4 July 2005. A further publicity campaign will be carried out around the Trust and staff will be encouraged to ask people to stop smoking on the site.

6. Operational Objectives 2007/08

The ET held a full away day on Friday 27 April to discuss the Trust operational objectives for 2007/8. The discussion was held in the context of the Trust Strategy and critical success factors that were reaffirmed at the recent Board seminar.   The agreed core objectives are detailed below, and if approved by the Trust Board will form the operational objectives within the 2007/8 business plan.

It will be emphasised that the list is not exclusive, and is not intended to reflect or indeed deflect from the "day job" of providing safe and effective services.

1. Develop a five year workforce plan	Margaret Boltwood
2. Implement the Electronic Staff System and achieve benefits realisation	Margaret Boltwood
3. Implement the Trust leadership strategy	Margaret Boltwood
4. To achieve the service trajectories required to meet the 18 week Referral to Treatment target by December 2008	Kate Slemeck
5. To achieve all access and related performance targets	Kate Slemeck
6. To align capacity and demand across the Trust	Kate Slemeck
7. To increase the market share of referrals to the Whittington	Siobhan Harrington
8. To operationalise the Day Treatment Centre	Siobhan Harrington
9. To respond to demand management initiatives, especially within the outpatient services.	Siobhan Harrington
10. Develop and implement a medical workforce plan taking account of EWTD and the CIP requirements.	Celia Ingham Clark
11. Produce long-term financial plan/model and completion of all financial aspects of the Integrated Business Plan. Ensure that the requirements of Monitor are met to the required standard.	Richard Martin
12. Achievement of all financial duties in 2007/08 including monitoring the delivery of the £6.6m additional CIP.	Richard Martin
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13. Development of Patient Level Costing and trading accounts throughout the Trust.	
14. To lead the overall project for securing authorisation as a Foundation Trust	Susan Sorensen
15. To develop a performance management framework that delivers compliance with the requirements of Monitor	Susan Sorensen
16. To ensure that the PFI contract is managed so as to minimise service and financial risk	Susan Sorensen
17. Reduce the incidence of HCAI	Deborah Wheeler
18. Respond effectively to feedback from patient experiences	Deborah Wheeler
19. Improve the quality of nursing care	Deborah Wheeler
20. To deliver the Whittington Promise of having a hospital that is clean	Philip Ient
21. To improve the quality of the in-patient food service	Philip Ient
22. To improve the physical condition and environment of the hospital buildings	Philip Ient
23. Re-locate Health Records library and implement Casenote Tracking software	Glenn Winteringham
24. Upgrade Business Objects to support real time reporting	Glenn Winteringham
25. Install Replacement Pathology System and New Order Communication System (OCS)	Glenn Winteringham
26. Assess requirement for CfH "Additional Services" as part of our IM&T Strategy to operate effectively as a Foundation Trust	Glenn Winteringham
27. Implement the Fitness for Purpose review of the Trust research functions	David Sloman