

**TRUST BOARD**  
**30 July 2015**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	The report presents highlights of recent activities.
<b>BOARD ASSURANCE (Risk) / IMPLICATIONS</b>	N/a
<b>STAKEHOLDER / PATIENT IMPACT AND VIEWS</b>	The report refers to meetings with external stakeholders.
<b>LINK TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE/BAF</b>	Report encompasses reference to all Trust Strategic Objectives.
<b>EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES</b>	N/a
<b>LEGAL ISSUES</b>	None known.
<b>The Trust Board is asked to:</b>	Receive the report.
<b>Submitted by:</b>	Aileen McLeish, Chairman
<b>Date:</b>	22 July 2015
<b>Decision:</b>	To Receive

## Chairman's report

### Non-Executive Directors

I am sorry to report that Carolyn Simons has decided to step down as Non-Executive Director with effect from 30 June 2015. Carolyn has been on the Board since November 2013 and was the Non-Executive lead for Child and Adult Safeguarding, Chairman of the Charitable Funds Committee and a member of the Integrated Governance Assurance Committee and Workforce & Organisational Development Committee. Unfortunately due to her other commitments she didn't feel able to give the necessary time to the Board of this Trust. I would like to thank her for her contribution over the last year and wish her well for the future.

### The NHS – announcements from the Secretary of State

Earlier this month the Secretary of State made a speech at The King's Fund signalling a number of significant changes within the NHS. A lot of emphasis was placed on transparency, choice, empowered patients and local decision making. It signalled a move away from a target driven culture to one of learning and improvement with an overall ambition for the NHS to become the world's largest learning organisation.

- Changes to the regulation architecture with a renewed focus on improvement. NHS Improvement was announced as the new operating name for a jointly led NHS Trust Development Authority and Monitor. NHS Improvement will regulate all providers of health services including Foundation Trusts
- The safety function currently at NHS England will transfer to NHS Improvement. NHS Improvement will also host a new Independent Patient Safety Investigation Service. A number of other proposals relating to patient safety, quality of care and patient choice, including: improving incentives for staff to speak out against poor quality care in the NHS; and modernising the supervision of midwifery. GPs will be asked to inform patients of the Care Quality Commission rating and waiting time data at hospitals. NHS England has been asked to develop proposals for introducing meaningful patient choice and control over their care offered in services for maternity, end of life care and long term conditions
- Introduction of an international buddying programme. Initially five NHS trusts will be buddied with Virginia Mason in Seattle, with an expectation to develop further international partnerships in the future. Our neighbour's hospital Trust, SASH, is one of the chosen partners
- Leadership capacity in the NHS: The government accepted in principle, the nineteen recommendations within the Rose report 'Better leadership for tomorrow', which was published on the same day. This included proposals to reduce bureaucracy and a suggestion that the functions of the Leadership Academy come under the purview of Health Education England (HEE).

- Changes to the consultant contract to enable a seven-day NHS: The opt-out clause for weekend working will be removed from the consultant contract for newly qualified hospital doctors. Doctors currently in service will still be able to exercise weekend opt-outs, but the off-contract payments for this activity will be reformed. The British Medical Association (BMA) has been offered a six week window to discuss and agree the changes with the government, after which a new contract will be imposed.

Overall the Government appears to signal a renewed commitment to local decision making and to the autonomy of NHS providers, in particular Foundation Trusts, while putting in place a number of enablers which will help support delivery of consistently high quality services.

#### **Proposed merger with Royal Surrey County Hospital Foundation Trust**

The Competition and Markets Authority is nearing the end of the phase 2 review of our proposed merger. An announcement of the preliminary findings is now expected during the first week in August, with final rulings being available in the Autumn. The Boards of both organisations will then need to reflect on our next steps.

#### **Patients**

Thank you to Peter and Angela Court, who run the Victoria Pub on Woodham Lane in Addlestone, and organised a fund raising Fun Day on Saturday 25th July.

As Peter said: "Two years ago, I had to undergo a triple heart bypass operation at St Peter's Hospital in Chertsey, which is obviously major surgery. Throughout this time and on subsequent visits, my wife Angela and I have been so impressed with all the care provided - from the surgeons, theatre staff, nurses on Birch Ward, in the Coronary Care Unit and those who run the Cardiac Rehabilitation programme." We decided to use our pub to host a Fun Day event and raise money for HeartBeat Woking, which is a local charity and support group working with patients, partners and relatives with, or who have experienced, heart problems."

**One Small Thing** - The one small thing campaign is a project created by the junior doctors as part of DAPS Global (Doctors Advancing Patient Safety) which was setup in 2009 with the purpose of engaging and empowering junior doctors to take a proactive approach to dealing with patient safety and to carry out quality improvement projects.

Congratulations and certificates of recognition were given out by Chief Executive Suzanne Rankin and Chief Nurse Heather Caudle for the small things that had been done to make a difference on the wards. These awards were based on the number of "one small things" that had been done on the ward judged by the number of cards that had been posted on the ward by staff, patients and visitors. Birch ward came first with the highest number of cards, Aspen ward came second and joint third were the Medical Assessment Unit and Swan ward.

#### **Staff**

**Service to celebrate St Peter's Day** – This annual service was well attended this year. Our chaplaincy team used the occasion to celebrate the life of former colleague Sheila Ferguson, who died earlier in the year. Thank you to the Friends of St Peter's Hospital for providing the refreshments on this occasion.

**Congratulations and Recognition** - Dr Suruchi Pandey, a clinical Fellow at the Trust's Centre for Endometriosis and Minimally Invasive Gynaecology (CEMIG), won an award for the best video presentation at the British Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy (BSGE) Silver Jubilee meeting in London in June. She presented a video of an operation performed by Mr Khazali, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at ASPH, demonstrating a technique for resection of deep infiltrative endometriosis. The title of her presentation was "Resection of the Butterfly area in deep infiltrative endometriosis-a structured approach". The prize - a golden laparoscope, was presented to Dr Pandey by the president of the BSGE and was sponsored by Karl Storz company.

**Schwartz Round** – This month's round focussed on the experiences colleagues had had while serving in the armed forces. It was moving to hear about the pressures they had felt while dealing with emergencies during combat.

**Sergio Penate** - After only a short retirement back home in Gran Canaria we were sorry to hear that Sergio had passed away. He had not been well for some months and on his retirement in March, he decided to move back home to be with his family. Sergio had worked in the Trust for over 15 years and 13 of those he spent as the porter/storeman in Sterile Services, a job he very much enjoyed. He was able to be out and about performing his role meeting and getting to know and befriending many members of staff around the Trust. His infectious smile and great sense of humour will be sorely missed by everyone.

#### **Governors and Members**

**Councillor Jean Pinkerton** – I would like to say thank you to Jean who has stepped down from our Council after five years as the Stakeholder representative for Spelthorne Borough Council. Jean is being replaced by Councillor Maureen Attewell whom we look forward to working with.

**Governors** - We have held two major meetings with Governors this month. The presentation of the Annual report and Accounts is an important part of the governance of the Foundation Trust. It gives the Governors an opportunity to receive a presentation from both the management and the auditors and ask questions regarding the performance of the Trust. At the other meeting, we briefed Governors on the progress of the project jointly commissioned with NWS Surrey CCG which is looking at how we can deliver sustainable health services for the local population.

**Annual members meeting** – This year's meeting was a lively update, helped by a performance of the ASPH Staff Choir. Approximately 100 members joined us to hear how we have been doing over the last year. Thank you also to our various "stall holders" who I know enjoyed a range of interesting conversations with our Members:

Pat Morrison from our Cancer Patients Group

Duncan Spring and colleagues from our catering suppliers – giving tastings of patient food as well as catering for the evening

Laura Ellis-Phillip, Ace Thindal and Jonathan Spinks demonstrating our new technology projects which will support improved patient care.

Ian Jackson-Sedgewick and Lynn Petley from Surrey Pathology Services sharing the innovative Labkit development

Andy Brown and Steve Chambers from Radio Wey  
Richard Docketty and colleagues from Heartbeat

**Members' event on Cardiovascular services** This event is being held just before the Board, and we are expecting a large turnout.

**Other**

Meeting with **Spelthorne Borough Council**: Suzanne Rankin, David Fluck and me attended a meeting of the Council to update Councillors on the performance of the Trust and our plans for the future.

**Patients as people art exhibition**: Championed by Heather Caudle, the Patients as People exhibition came to ASPH. Artist Emma Barnard had been commissioned by Whipps Cross Hospital to work with patients to reflect on their experiences while receiving treatment. The resulting images have formed an artwork, some of which have been installed at St Peter's on the main hospital corridor. It's a thought provoking exhibition about seeing patients as people. It will be there until September when it will then be installed at Ashford Hospital.

**NHS Providers Governance Conference**: I attended this conference and gave a talk on how the Board had prepared for the proposed merger with Royal Surrey.

**St George's Medical School graduation ceremony**: I was privileged to represent ASPH at this ceremony. Congratulations to ASPH Consultant Diab Abbab for receiving one of the university's teaching awards.

**Women on Board**; I addressed a conference for prospective board members on the opportunities as a Non-Executive in the NHS.

**North West Surrey CCG**: I supported our colleagues during the interview and appointment of a new Lay member to the CCG Board.