

TRUST BOARD PART I – NOVEMBER 2012

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<b>Subject:</b>	Chief Executive's Report
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<b>Purpose of paper</b>	To updated the Board on national and local items of interest.
<b>Key points for Trust Board members</b> <i>Briefly summarise in bullet point format the main points and key issues that the Trust Board members should focus on including conclusions and proposals</i>	To note.
<b>Options and decisions required</b> <i>Clearly identify options that are to be considered and any decisions required</i>	None required.
<b>Next steps / future actions:</b> <i>Clearly identify what will follow the Trust Board's discussion</i>	N/A
<b>Consideration of legal issues (including Equality Impact Assessment)?</b>	N/A
<b>Consideration of Public and Patient Involvement and Communications Implications?</b>	N/A

## Chief Executive's Report

### Board of Directors – 29 November 2012

#### 1. People with Dementia to Receive More Support

- The Department of Health is providing dedicated funding to create care environments for people with dementia that help reduce anxiety and distress, and make them feel safer
- Up to £50 million will be available to NHS trusts and local authorities, working in partnership with care providers, to help tailor hospitals and care homes to the needs of people with dementia
- The care providers involved will need to sign up to the Dementia Care and Support Compact, which commits them to providing first-rate care and support for people with dementia and their families
- Trust needs to determine whether it can access any of this funding
- One million 'dementia friends' scheme launched
  - An ambitious project to register one million people by 2015, who can increase understanding of dementia, is one of the next steps in the Prime Minister's Dementia Challenge. Under the scheme led by the Alzheimer's Society, people who become dementia friends will be given free information sessions, to help them raise awareness of dementia in their communities
  - Other measures include providing £9.6m for dementia research, extra support for GPs to spot and diagnose dementia, and a pilot programme in schools and youth projects to help young people become dementia aware

#### 2. The Liverpool Care Pathway (LCP) Implementation Model

- This has been heavily featured in the press recently. We need to ensure:
  - A robust implementation model and continuous learning on end of life care, is crucial to the Liverpool Care Pathway (LCP)
  - Whenever possible, relatives should be involved in discussions and it is important to note the LCP does not require hydration or nutrition to be withdrawn. It is a framework for good practice and does not replace clinical judgement
  - Currently the Trust is above the local target and 53% of appropriate patients within the hospital are on the LCP

#### 3. Views Sought on Strengthening NHS Constitution

- The Department of Health has launched a public consultation on strengthening the NHS Constitution
- Proposals, which reflect advice from the NHS Future Forum, include greater clarity on patient involvement covering end of life care, same-sex wards and refusing access to abusive patients. They also cover new staff responsibilities around openness about mistakes, acknowledging complaints, and delivering compassionate care
- The deadline for staff and the public to respond is 28 January 2013

#### 4. Plans to Prepare NHS and Social Care for Winter

- Plans have been announced to help people keep well this winter and support the NHS in preparing to meet the increase in winter-related health problems always seen at this time of year
- The Department of Health's measures include a flu vaccination advertising campaign to encourage people in at-risk groups to get vaccinated. A £20 million fund, distributed among local authorities, is also available to help vulnerable people stay warm and well this winter

## **5. Health Red Tape Challenge Launched**

- Ideas are invited about how to remove excessive burdens and reduce bureaucracy across the health and social care sector, in the latest round of the Government's Red Tape Challenge
- Healthcare providers and members of the public can comment on more than 500 Department of Health regulations, covering a range of areas across quality of care, mental health, the NHS, professional standards and public health

## **6. Publication of 2011-12 Reference Costs**

- These newly-published reference costs are part of the Department of Health's commitment to provide accountability and transparency in relation to the costs of NHS services
- Reference costs have a number of very important uses, principally in recent years to inform the national tariff. The NHS uses the data for reporting to executive teams, benchmarking, contract negotiation and local pricing of non-tariff services
- The Trust's reference costs are 95, which is an encouraging sign that the organisation is becoming more efficient

## **7. Hospital Patients Need High Quality Food and Drink**

- Principles outlining what patients should expect from hospital food were announced this week by Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt
- These include the provision of high quality and healthy hospital food and drink, and patients being given a choice from a varied menu. A particular focus will be on the most vulnerable such as older people, a top priority for the Secretary of State
- These principles will be a feature of new patient-led assessments covering areas such as hospital food, cleanliness, privacy and dignity