

TRUST BOARD PUBLIC – AUGUST 2013

Agenda Item Number: 152/13
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Subject:	Chairman's Report
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Purpose of paper	To update the Board on local items of interest.
Key points for Trust Board members <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>	For noting.
Options and decisions required <i>Clearly identify options that are to be considered and any decisions required</i>	None required.
Next steps / future actions: <i>Clearly identify what will follow the Trust Board's discussion</i>	N/A
Consideration of legal issues (including Equality Impact Assessment)?	N/A
Consideration of Public and Patient Involvement and Communications Implications?	N/A

Links to Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust Board Strategic Aims, Assurance Framework/Corporate Risk Register	
Strategic Aim	N/A
BAF/Corporate Risk Register Reference (if applicable)	N/A
Risk Description	N/A
CQC Reference	N/A

Committees/Meetings at which paper has been approved:	Date
None	

Chairman's Report

Trust Board – 29 August 2013

1. **Non Executive Director Procurement Lead – Tuesday 30 July**

New NHS procurement Strategy announced on 30th July. Health Minister Dan Poulter published the new Procurement Strategy for the NHS. The document 'Better Procurement, Better Value, Better Care: A procurement development programme for the NHS' reported a lack of consistency and senior oversight in procurement and said the NHS over-relies on framework deals with suppliers. Under the new strategy, trusts will be required to be more transparent in how they spend their budgets, and be required to participate in 'price benchmarking' in a bid to reduce the NHS's £18bn procurement bill. Executive and Non Executive leads to be appointed at trust level to ensure procurement development in line with the strategy. The lead Non-Executive Director will be Steve Erskine.

2. **Status Call with Tony Barron Re Pathology – Tuesday 30 July**

Regular updates call on project status.

3. **Meeting with Sir Ian Carruthers – Tuesday 6 August**

Introductory meeting with Chair and with the Non Executive Directors.

4. **Friends and Family Test results published**

NHS England published the first results from the Friends and Family Test (FFT) on 30 July. The results cover inpatients and patients discharged from A&E in England for the months of April, May and June 2013. The results show a considerable range of scores and response rates across trusts, leading to concerns about the validity of the data. Work is being undertaken in PHT to increase the number of responses in the survey. The test – which asks patients whether they would recommend the NHS service they have received to friends and family who need similar treatment or care – is being rolled out to other services, such as maternity in October. The implementation of FFT, and measures for increasing scores and response rates, are requirements within national CQUIN arrangements for 2013/4. The NHS has been using patient feedback for many years and the FFT builds on that experience. The FFT is one indicator among an increasing number of measures of NHS quality and performance which, when used together, support increased openness and accountability.

5. **Government announces £500m to relieve pressures on A&E**

The Prime Minister announced that £500m would be made available over the next two years to help manage A&E and urgent care demand. The Department of Health said that the new funding will go to A&E departments identified as being under the most pressure, although details about how the money will be allocated have not yet been confirmed.

6. **Annual General Meeting**

The Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust Annual General Meeting will be held in the Lecture Theatre at 6:00pm on the 12th September. An interesting agenda includes an update on the Da Vinci Robotic surgery.

7. **Open Day**

The 2013 Open Day organised by the Board of Governors will be held on the 5th October 2013 from 11:00 am. Informative displays and presentations will be available for viewing.