

<b>Subject:</b>	Report from the Chief Executive
<b>Prepared by / Sponsored by / Presented by:</b>	Ursula Ward, Chief Executive
<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>	Note contents of the report
<b>Options and decisions required</b> <i>Clearly identify options that are to be considered and any decisions required</i>	None required, for information
<b>Next steps / future actions:</b> <i>Clearly identify what will follow the Trust Board's discussion</i>	None
<b>Consideration of legal issues (including Equality Impact Assessment)?</b>	Items relating to professional staff may have some implications and will be considered.
<b>Consideration of Public and Patient Involvement and Communications Implications?</b>	None

<b>Links to Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust Board Strategic Aims, Assurance Framework/Corporate Risk Register</b>	
<b>Strategic Aim</b>	<p><b>Strategic aim 1:</b> Deliver safe, high quality patient centred care</p> <p><b>Strategic aim 2:</b> Develop a reputation for excellence in innovation, research &amp; development and education in the top 20% of our peers.</p> <p><b>Strategic aim 3:</b> Become the hospital of choice for general, specialist and selected tertiary services.</p> <p><b>Strategic aim 4:</b> Staff would recommend the trust as a place to work and a place to receive treatment</p> <p><b>Strategic aim 5:</b> Develop sufficient financial strengths to adapt</p>

	to change and invest in the future.
<b>BAF/Corporate Risk Register Reference (if applicable)</b>	N/A
<b>Risk Description</b>	N/A
<b>CQC Reference</b>	N/A

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

## Report of Chief Executive

### Board of Directors – 26 February 2015

#### 1. Culture Change in the NHS: Applying the Lessons of the Francis Inquiries

A report has been published setting out what has been achieved since Sir Robert Francis's public inquiry into Mid Staffs. The report highlights that the improvements made must be sustained and embedded for the future, and applied equally and rigorously across all sectors of the health and care system. Each chapter of the report sets out the main areas where further action is needed to ensure that safe, effective and compassionate care is the norm. The supporting annex in the document sets out in detail the substantial progress made against the 290 recommendations of the Francis report.

#### 2. A Consultation on Updating the NHS Constitution

This consultation (which closes on 11 March 2015) proposes to amend the NHS Constitution to respond to recommendations made by Sir Robert Francis QC and to:

- Give greater prominence to mental health
- Reflect the importance of access to transparent and comparable data
- Include the Armed Forces Covenant
- Reflect the new fundamental standards in April 2015

#### 3. Quality Accounts: Guidance for NHS Trusts on Arrangements for External Assurance 2014 to 2015

This guidance sets out recommended arrangements for NHS Trusts to get external assurance that their Quality Accounts for 2014 to 2015 are reliable and accurate. The guidance recommends that external audit assurance, including a signed limited assurance report, should be completed by 29 June 2015. All Quality Accounts must be published on NHS Choices and submitted to the Secretary of State by 30 June 2015.

#### 4. The Hospital Food Standards Panel's Report on Standards for Food and Drink in NHS Hospitals

The report looks at standards relating to patient nutrition and hydration, healthier eating across hospitals and sustainable food and catering services. NHS adoption of the recommended standards will be required through the NHS contract meaning that hospitals will have a legal duty to comply with the recommendations. The panel, set up by Health Minister Dr Dan Poulter and led by Dianne Jeffrey from Age UK, examined existing food standards, advising on how they should be applied and monitored.

#### 5. Reference Costs 2013/14

Reference costs for 2013/14 were published on 22 January. Reference costs are the unit costs to the NHS for providing defined services in a given financial year to NHS patients in England. They are collected and published annually. The Trust's cost was 96.

#### 6. St George's Healthcare NHS Trust

St George's has been authorised as an NHS Foundation Trust by Monitor and became the 149<sup>th</sup> Foundation Trust in England.

#### 7. National Tariff Payment System 2015/16 Consultation

Monitor has completed its analysis of responses to the statutory consultation on the proposed rules and prices in the National Tariff for 2015/16. The analysis shows that around 13% of Clinical Commissioning Groups, 37% of relevant Providers by number, and 75% of relevant

Providers by share of supply, objected to the proposed method for determining national prices for NHS services.

Under the legislation governing the NHS payment system, the proposals cannot be introduced if the proportion of Clinical Commissioning Groups, or the proportion of relevant Providers (by number or weighted by share of supply), who object to the method equals or exceeds 51%, unless there is a reference to the Competition and Markets Authority.

Monitor and NHS England are now considering the feedback received from the consultation and possible next steps. Amongst the options available is: engaging with the sector and re-consulting on revised proposals, or referring the method to the Competition and Markets Authority. Meanwhile, Commissioners and Providers will be expected to continue planning for 2015/16 on the basis of the timetable and guidance that has already been issued.

## **8. “Freedom to Speak Up” Review**

A report from the review was published on 11 February 2015. Sir Robert Francis sets out 20 Principles and Actions which aim to create the right conditions for NHS staff to speak up, share what works right across the NHS and get all organisations up to the standard of the best and provide redress when things go wrong in future.

The Board have always proactively promoted and encouraged a culture whereby staff can raise issues that genuinely do concern them. We know that we have a good culture of reporting but can always improve.

## **9. CQC Launch Public Engagement Strategy**

The Care Quality Commission has recently published a public engagement strategy for 2015/16. The aim of this strategy is to help the CQC to understand and focus on what matters to people, empower people to understand the quality of care they should expect, help them to choose between services if they want to, and build public trust and confidence in its work. It is central to delivering the regulator’s purpose of making sure health and social care services provide people with safe, effective, compassionate, high-quality care and encouraging services to improve. The strategy reflects public feedback over the past two years about how the regulator should be engaging them in its work. Four key areas of improvement were identified:

- Raising awareness and understanding of the CQC’s role and purpose
- Listening to, and acting on, people’s views and experiences of care
- Working with the public to develop and improve policies, methods and other aspects of work
- Providing high quality information about care services

## **10. Local News**

- Care Quality Inspection: Their final report will not be written until they have fully assimilated all of the evidence that they accumulated during their visit, and from any unannounced inspection(s). The published inspection report will be shared when it becomes available.
- I am delighted to announce that Nicky Lucey has successfully been appointed as Interim Director of Nursing and Quality for Kent Community Health NHS Trust. Nicky will be commencing her secondment on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015 with Debra Elliott continuing as the Deputy Director of Nursing. As you will all know Nicky has most recently been appointed as the Director of Clinical Standards where she has been outstanding in her leadership of Trust’s preparedness for the recent CQC inspection. Prior to this she was the Acting Director of Nursing, a role she covered for 10 months. Through these, and previous roles, Nicky has made a significant contribution to the success of this organisation. She has been a huge support to me, the Board, her colleagues and staff members. Her achievements are many and whilst she will be missed as she undertakes her new role it gives me great pleasure to support this excellent opportunity. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best in her new role.