

**'You matter, we care'**

Trust Board Meeting (Part 1)	Date: 25 March 2015
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<b>Title:</b>	Chair's Report
<b>Item:</b>	BD/14/313

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<b>History:</b>	<i>n/a</i>
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<b>This report is for:</b>	
Decision	
Discussion	
To Note	X

<b>The following impacts have been identified and assessed in relation to this report:</b>	
Equality	None identified
Quality	Quality impacts identified and discussed within the report.
Privacy	None identified

<b>Executive Summary of key issues</b>
The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the work of the Chair during the preceding month.

<b>This report addresses these Strategic Priorities:</b>	
We will deliver the best care	
We will support and develop our staff	
We will continually improve what we do	X
We will use our resources wisely	
We will be future focussed	X

## 1. Internal Meetings

- 1.1 I attended the Trust corporate induction where there were a high numbers of new employees from outside the NHS, some out of area relocating and several TUPE employees who appeared unfamiliar with the process.
- 1.2 I also met with representatives from KS2 and from Wiltshire supported by Locality Involvement Worker Lee Rawlings to discuss Carer issues and ways we could improve TWIG.
- 1.3 I attended a Finance meeting, in the absence of the Chair, to review Trust finances prior to today's Board meeting. I also met with Toby Rickard, Head of Business Intelligence to review IQ and historic Trust data and also to review progress on the Reference Costs project.
- 1.4 In our continued effort to make improvements to our governance arrangements I have met with both the Governance team and the Company Secretary to discuss quality of Board papers. I will continue to drive improvement in this area.

## 2. Trust Development Authority (TDA)

- 2.1 The Board attended it's Board to Board with the TDA on 05 March as arranged. I would like to extend my thanks to Board members and support staff for the work put into preparing for the meeting. I felt the meeting went well in the context of the report received by the Trust from the CQC, and we have now received a letter from the TDA as the formal output of the meeting.

## 3. External Relations

- 3.1 I met with Nick Marsden, the Chair for Salisbury Foundation Trust and discussed sharing of information around Board governance, papers and engagement. Nick and I shared some thoughts around community services, and working with Wiltshire County Council and Wiltshire CCG. Salisbury Foundation Trust report no issues with recruiting or retaining staff.
- 3.2 Barry Dennington and I met with Cllr. Brian Mattock from the Swindon Cabinet to discuss the Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board. The current position is that they are not looking to expand the membership but do wish to get voice of providers from a sub-group, with invitations to this to be sent out soon.

We also covered issues such as mental health services for children and adolescents, Section 136 and potential collaborations on training in the future. Cllr. Mattock reported improved relationships within the health and social care system.

## 4. Future focus

- 4.1 I will be meeting with the TDA on 31<sup>st</sup> March for my Chair's appraisal.
- 4.2 The Trust's major focus for April 2015 will be around firming up 15/16 plans which still require finalisation, including agreement on SMART objectives together with working with Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust to improve Board performance.