

Trust Board meeting (Part 1)		Date:	29 April 2015
Agenda item	Title	Executive Director lead and presenter	Report author(s)
BD/15/008	Chief Executive's Report	Iain Tulley, Chief Executive	Deputy Company Secretary, External Communications Manager
This report is for:			
Decision			
Discussion			
To Note			X
History			
N/a			
The following impacts have been identified and assessed within this report			
Equality	None identified		
Quality	None identified		
Privacy	None identified		
Executive summary of key issues			
This report advises the Board on some of the key management and development issues facing our Trust. The Board is asked to note the report.			
This report addresses these strategic priorities:			
We will deliver the best care			X
We will support and develop our staff			X
We will continually improve what we do			X
We will use our resources wisely			X
We will be future focused			X

1 Introduction

1.1 CEO Diary

Since the last Board meeting I have attended a number of interesting and engaging events, both within the Trust and with other organisations:

- On 1 April I attended a meeting with the Chair and Chief Executive of Health Education South West to discuss plans for the future
- On 7 April I attended the second meeting of the Local Authority Cross-Scrutiny Committee regarding the CGC action plans
- I chaired the B&NES Inpatient Reprovision Board on 13 April
- I was a panel member at West of England AHSN Patient Safety Collaboration Launch and Quality Improvement Conference
- I chaired the BNSSG System Leadership Directors of Finance Group on 20 April
- Accompanied by Tony Gallagher, I undertook the six monthly reviews with Swindon, B&NES, and North Somerset CCGs

2 Current Issues

2.1 What do the general election manifestos mean for the NHS?

There has been a flurry of announcements recently from the political parties around their manifesto commitments for the NHS.

The NHS Confederation has issued a comparative analysis, summarising key proposals from the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat manifestos relating to health and care.

This document is available to download from the NHS Confederation website www.nhsconfed.org once you have registered online with the Confederation. There is no cost for this.

The NHS Confederation have stated that they will work with whoever forms the next Government to ensure that local leaders are enabled and supported to work with their local communities to transform care, and that action is taken to ensure services remain sustainable.

2.2 Summary of new NHS and initiatives effective from 1st April 2015

2.2.1 The Care Act 2014 Part 1

This provides an updated legal framework that incorporates and replaces all previous social care legislation. It sets out new duties for local authorities and partners and new rights for service users and carers. It will have a significant impact Trust wide. The main points are:

- Legal duty for social care assessments to be “person centred”
- Cares given the same legal status as the people they care for
- Legal duty to offer a personal budget to help service users and carers
- “Safeguarding” given a statutory footing and includes “Self-neglect”
- Advocates provided if service users or carers unable to take part in their Care Act assessment
- More people entitled to an assessment, with a focus on preventing and delaying the need for community care services

2.2.2 Quality

Directors of all CQC-registered providers must meet a fit and proper person test -- the CQC will be able to insist on the removal of directors that fail it.

The statutory provision for a duty of candour requires organisations to tell patients when they have suffered harm due to the care they have received.

CQC-registered providers must now display their CQC rating on their websites and across premises, public entrances and waiting areas.

2.2.3 New targets for mental health

New guidance is intended to improve the experience and outcomes for people subject to the Mental Health Act, their families and carers and replaces the 2008 Code of Practice. It follows a national consultation which the Trust actively participated in.

The first ever NHS waiting time standards for mental health, which will see most patients needing talking therapies guaranteed treatment in as little as six weeks, with a maximum wait of 18 weeks.

The revised code of practice for the Mental Health Act 1983 outlines how professionals should carry out their roles and responsibilities under the Mental Health Act 1983, to ensure that all patients receive high quality and safe care.

2.2.4 Workforce

All new healthcare assistants and social care support workers will be expected to achieve a Care Certificate within 12 weeks of employment.

All NHS organisations will be required to demonstrate how they are addressing race equality issues in a range of staffing areas.

The latest pay scales for Agenda for Change (AfC) come into force.

3 Serious Untoward Incidents (SUIs)

There was a higher than usual level of serious incident activity in March 2015, though overall there has been a 9% decrease in SUIs this year compared to the previous year.

There were 12 SUIs in March:

- 2 slips/trips/falls resulting in fractures; one on Aspen Ward and the other on Amblescroft North.
- 3 serious suicide attempts; one of a patient on Beechlydene, and the others of patients known to Wiltshire South and BANES Recovery Teams
- 1 allegation against a healthcare professional on Oakwood Ward
- 5 suspected suicides of patients known to North Somerset Primary Care Liaison,

Bristol Mental Health Assessment and Recovery, South Gloucestershire Recovery, Banes Recovery and Bristol Intensive Team

- 1 instance of a patient being absent without leave (AWOL) on Silver Birch ward, who was later safely recovered

Each SUI was immediately investigated with a 72 hour management report and root cause analysis investigations have been commissioned.

4 Trust News

4.1 Supporting service users to vote

The Trust has produced a booklet to guide staff on how to help service users take part in voting in the 2015 General Election. We are committed to helping all service users (community and inpatients) exercise this fundamental human and democratic right

The booklet also links to posters and national leaflets displayed in public areas and gives contact details for registration offices in each locality.

4.2 We are AWP!

Specialised and Secure Services have made a brilliant short film entitled "We are AWP!" to celebrate their work and the diversity of their teams.

The film hears from service users, carers, volunteers, staff and commissioners and their stories are insightful and moving.

The film will increase understanding and promote our wide range of services.