

**Summary of the Part Two (Private) Meeting of the Board on 27 June 2012  
Report for the AWP NHS Trust Board**

Meeting Date: 2012-07-27	Meeting Time: 10:00	Agenda Item: 04	Serial: 12.0625
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This Report is presented by the Chair for Approval in the Public session of the Board.

**Report Summary**

**Purpose of this Report:**

To provide a summary of the business of the Board at its Part Two (Private) session in June 2012.

As part of the Board's focus on transparency and accountability, the Chair is introducing measures to ensure that, for those areas of business which the Board is required to consider in Part Two for reasons of confidentiality or sensitivity, a summary of the business is prepared for public consumption.

The style of this 'reporting' is being improved each time in response to feedback, and the Board is invited to contribute views as to the effectiveness of this approach.

**Board Decisions Requested:**

The Board is recommended to **note** the Report.

**Actions Arising from the Report:**

None specified.

**Quality and Safety implications:**

This report highlights the Board's oversight of the issues relating to quality and safety, and the work ongoing to ensure the highest levels of compliance in relation to the same.

**Report Links**

	None specific
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## 1. Summary

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 10.00am on 27 June 2012, by asking the Chief Executive to brief the Board on discussions which had been taking place with the Strategic Health Authority and the Trust's Commissioners in relation to ensuring that a unified approach to commissioning and performance monitoring was achieved.
- 1.2. The Board received a briefing in relation to a planned inspection by the Care Quality Commission which had commenced in the preceding week, and for which some initial informal feedback had been shared. The Board debated the course of action being pursued and sought assurance from the Executive Director of Operations and Executive Director of Nursing, Compliance, Assurance and Standards in relation to quality, safety and to ensure lessons learned were applied. The Board agreed to consider the matter again at its next meeting, when further feedback from the CQC and internal investigations would be available.
- 1.3. The Board was briefed by the Executive Director of Nursing, Compliance, Assurance and Standards, about a review underway in Wiltshire which would be investigating matters pertaining to allegations about wrongful use of the Patient Record system (RiO). The Board challenged, during the debate, that the issues identified were isolated, and not widespread across the Trust. It was confirmed that at this time the matter appeared to be isolated to one Community Team in Wiltshire and that this Team had been the source of significant focus to ensure practice was improved. The Board requested the matter be considered again, at its next Board meeting, to ensure that the Trust had dealt with the matter appropriately, that the issue was not systemic and to consider the output of the wider Review.
- 1.4. The next item of business was for the Board to consider and debate a proposed approach to strategic communications, recognising that the Trust needed an improved approach to communications, which enabled it to build relationships and confidence with a wide range of stakeholders. It was recognised that a one size fits all approach was not appropriate, and that significant work was required to ensure the Trust could demonstrate a newly responsive, transparent approach to listening. Directors contributed views in relation to strategic approach, and it was agreed that these ideas would be developed, for further Board consideration and prompt implementation.
- 1.5. The Board next considered a confidential Finance Paper, which was presented by the Executive Director for Finance. The Paper advised that the Trust's overall financial performance was in line with expectation for Month Two, but that it was too early in the financial year to fully accurately quantify any emerging financial risks. The Board considered cost pressures which had been faced in the financial year 2011-12, and how these might influence achievement of financial targets in 2012-13. In

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conclusion, the Board was assured that the achievement to date was on target and that finances were healthy.

1.6. The Board concluded by noting a successful tender award which had just been announced.

1.7. The meeting concluded at 11.40am.

## **2. Recommendation**

2.1. The Board is recommended to **note** the Summary.