

Report to:	Public Board of Directors	Agenda item:	22
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Title of Report:	Chief Executive's Report
Status:	For Information
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Appendices	None

1. Executive Summary of the Report
The purpose of the Chief Executive's Report is to highlight key developments within the Trust which have taken place since the last Board meeting.

2. Recommendations (Note, Approve, Discuss)
The Board is asked to note the report.

3. Legal / Regulatory Implications
Not applicable

4. Risk (Threats or opportunities, link to a risk on the Risk Register, Board Assurance Framework etc)
Strategic and environmental risks are considered by the Board on a regular basis and key items are reported through this report.

5. Resources Implications (Financial / staffing)
Not applicable

6. Equality and Diversity
Not applicable

7. References to previous reports
The Chief Executive submits a report to every Board of Directors meeting.

8. Freedom of Information
Public

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

1.1 Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Visit

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Jeremy Hunt, visited the Trust on 27th April 2018 as part of his ongoing focus on patient safety. An invited audience made up from a cross section of staff attended an event which also saw the Director of Nursing and Midwifery, Helen Blanchard and newly appointed Medical Director, Dr Bernie Marden, present on the Trust's progress in sepsis treatment and pressure ulcer prevention. The Secretary of State then presented on the importance of fostering a culture of patient safety, and took questions from the audience.

The Secretary of State for Health recently wrote to the Chief Executive to thank the Trust for hosting his visit and went on to say *"Everyone I spoke to was clearly committed to delivering the highest possible standards of care for patients, and in Helen and Bernie's presentation I was particularly struck by your work on preventing pressure ulcers and treating sepsis. These visits really brought home to me the progress made to make the NHS safer for patients, but we still have much to achieve, so please do spread and look out for good practice"*

1.2 Visit by Jacob Rees-Mogg MP

Jacob Rees-Mogg visited the Trust on 4th May 2018 to meet with the Chairman and Chief Executive. Whilst on site Jacob was given a tour of Combe ward, Radiology and the Children's ward where he met with staff and patients.

1.3 Dying Matter Week 14 -18 May

The Trust supported Dying Matters Week which took place from 14th – 18th May, urging people across the South West to talk more openly about dying, death and bereavement. The Trust worked with Dorothy House Hospice Care to host a joint See It My Way event, where patients talked about their experience of living with a life-limiting condition. Helen Meehan, Lead Nurse for Palliative Care, was interviewed by BBC Wiltshire to discuss end of life issues and highlight some of the initiatives taking place at the RUH.

1.4 NHS70 Award and Celebration

Our Home First partnership team has been named as regional winners in the National NHS70 Parliamentary Awards and will now go forward to the awards ceremony at the Houses of Parliament on 4th July. The Home First scheme was launched by the RUH in 2017 and aims to reduce the length of stay for patients who are clinically well enough to leave hospital, but who might need extra support to return to their usual place of residence.

A dedicated area on the RUH website has been launched to host NHS70 stories shared by the public and staff. The Forever Friends Appeal have launched their Big 7Tea party campaign, encouraging the community to hold their own tea parties to raise a cuppa to the NHS's 70th birthday while raising some money for their causes. Further information can be found via http://www.ruh.nhs.uk/NHS70/index.asp?menu_id=1

1.5 Organisational Development Programme – "Improving Together"

The Trust is establishing a programme of work that will support us in the delivery of sustainable highest quality services to our patients and enable us to be an employer of choice through our particular focus on staff engagement and wellbeing.

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The four year programme is called "Improving Together" and will be supported for fourteen months by external consultancy that is experienced in organisational development and improvement, with the clear stated aim that they will support the development of our staff culture and skills to lead this work going forward.

The work will deliver our vision and key objectives for patient safety and quality, staff satisfaction and sustainability.

1.6 Senior Management Appointments

Dr Bernie Marden has been appointed to the post of Medical Director following an interview process on 27th April 2018. Bernie commenced his substantive appointment, following a period as Acting Medical Director, from 30th April 2018.

Dr Tim Craft has been appointed as Director of Research and Innovation and will focus on maximising the Trust's research, working closely with our academic partners as well as health charities and industry to allow our patients to benefit from more research.

Following an interview and assessment process on 9th May, Sarah Hudson has been appointed to the post of Divisional Manager, Medicine and will commence this role on 21st May 2018.

Libby Walters was appointed as Director of Finance following an interview and assessment process on 28th November 2017 and will start her new role on 4th June 2018.

1.7 Update on RUH Membership

As at 21st May 2018, 11,787 public Members have signed up to support the RUH NHS Foundation Trust. Together with staff members we now have over 17, 362 Members. We are always actively seeking new members to help us shape the future of the hospital and as a member of the Trust you can influence many aspects of the healthcare we provide.

By becoming a Member, our staff, patients and local community are given the opportunity to influence how the hospital is run and the services that it provides. Membership is completely free and offers three different levels of involvement. Through the Council of Governors, Members are given a greater say in the development of the hospital and can have a direct influence in the development of services.

1.8 Caring for You

Our next Caring for You event will focus on All About Skin and is taking place on 17th July 2018 at 6pm in our Post Graduate Medical Centre. The event will be led by Dr Inma Mauri-Sole, Clinical Lead for Dermatology, where attendees will learn more about the Skin services that the Trust provides. Places must be booked, so to book your place or to become a Member, please contact the Membership Office on 01225 821262.

1.9 Governor Constituency Meetings

Our Governors have been working hard to organise constituency meetings for 2018. These successful meetings have been running for a few years and offer an opportunity for local people to meet their Governors and find out information about the Trust. The meetings follow a regular format of an introduction from the Governors, an update from an Executive Director on RUH developments and a focus on an interesting topic suggested by members. Attendees are also given the opportunity to participate in focus groups and/or

question and answer sessions to help us learn from patient feedback so that we can improve our services.

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