

Report to:	Public Trust Board	Agenda item:	16.
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Title of Report:	Chief Executive's Report
Status:	For information
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Appendices	None

1.	Purpose of Report (Including link to objectives)
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.	Summary of Key Issues for Discussion
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2.1 Winter Pressures	<p>The Winter Plan for the Trust is holding up well despite being put under severe pressure from H1N1 influenza. The Trust has performed well for both emergency and elective patients, delivering safe and timely care; the 4 hour target continues to remain on track for delivery and cancelled operations (a good counter-measure of winter pressure) remain low.</p> <p>The key issue over the past month has been the impact of H1N1 influenza on Marlborough Ward and in particular the Critical Care Unit. The Unit has been under severe pressure for most of January, having had to move first into escalation and then to call on mutual aid from neighbouring Trusts. Staff have been superb in their response to this pressure, rising to the challenge required over and above the call of duty.</p>
2.2 Management Board Update	<p>The following key items were discussed at Management Board on 26th January 2011 in addition to the performance issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board discussed the Divisional Structure proposal and agreed a way forward to have two Clinical Divisions; • The Board considered the draft business plan and budgets for 2011/12; • The Director of Human Resources gave an update on the progress of the Service Line Management Project ; • The Board approved the business case for a replacement 7.75 PA Consultant Medical Microbiologist to maintain the high quality, comprehensive and cost effect clinical microbiology service provided to the RUH and Local Health Community, which includes all GP's within the area; • The Board approved the appointment of a replacement 10 PA Consultant Clinical Oncologist in order to continue providing a comprehensive Cancer service for the Local Health Community offering all conventional treatment

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options for the management of cancer on a single integrated site;

- The Board supported in principle, Nighthawk, the implementation of a Radiology reporting solution for emergency imaging performed after 11.00pm. The Board asked that further clarification is sought on the tender specification before the project proceeds;
- The Board approved the appointment of two additional Nurse Endoscopists to reduce costs required to maintain the current demand in Gastroenterology. This appointment will significantly reduce pay costs and enable the planned release of agency locums and allow the Trust to move to a single trust endoscopy daycase contract as part of 2011/12 contracting.

2.3 Improving Outcomes: A Strategy for Cancer

The Coalition Government has issued the Improving Outcomes: A Strategy for Cancer publication that sets out how the Government aims to achieve cancer outcomes that are amongst the best in the world, with a particular emphasis on early diagnosis.

A full copy of the strategy can be found at:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_123371

2.4 Health and Social Care Bill

The Health and Social Care Bill was introduced into Parliament on 19th January 2011. This Bill is the primary legislation required to implement the Government's vision for the NHS, set out in the White Paper Liberating the NHS (July 2010) and Liberating the NHS: Legislative framework and next steps (December 2010).

It creates a legislative framework for the establishment of the public health service, as set out in the public health White Paper Healthy Lives, Healthy People (November 2010) and also makes changes to a number of the Department's arm's-length bodies.

A full copy of the publication can be found at:

<http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/bill/>

2.5 2010 New Year Honours Award Ceremony

The Trust held its 2010 New Year Honours Award Ceremony on the 28th January 2011 at the Assembly Rooms in Bath. The ceremony was a huge success and acknowledged the dedication, innovation and hard work of our staff. A number of awards were presented on the evening for personal achievement, hospital hero and loyalty for both 25 and 35 years of service. Customer service and team of the month award winners, which are recognised throughout the year, also attended the event.

Cherry Miller, MacMillan Breast Clinical Nurse Specialist, won the Bath Chronicle Hospital Hero Award and the Customer Service Award of the Year was awarded to Andrew McMahon, Staff Nurse on Forrester Brown.

The Most Innovative Team of the Year was won by Pharmacy Dispensary Team and the Respiratory Patient Flow Pilot Project Team won Team of the Year.

3. Recommendations (Note, Approve, Discuss etc)
For Information

4. Care Quality Commission Regulations (which apply)
Not applicable

5. Legal / Regulatory Implications (NHSLA / ALE etc)
Not applicable

6. Risk (Threats or opportunities link to risk on register etc)
6.1 Achievement of 4hr target in 2010/11.
6.2 Achievement of £6m surplus in 2010/11
6.3 Achievement of 18 week target in 2010/11

7. Resources Implications (Financial / staffing)
Not applicable

8. Equality and Diversity
Not applicable

9. Communication
Not applicable

10. References to previous reports
The Chief Executive produces a report to every Trust Board meeting.

11. Freedom of Information
Public