

Agenda Item 7

South Tees Hospitals 

NHS Foundation Trust

Meeting / Committee:	Board of Directors	Meeting Date:	Tuesday 31 March 2015
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This paper is for: (Only 1 column to be marked with x as appropriate)	Action/Decision	Assurance	Information
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Title:	Chief executive's report
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Purpose:	The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Directors with an executive summary of our key strategic objectives, national policy and organisational issues
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Summary:	<p>The paper provides information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New purpose-built IVF unit • Five-year broken shoulder survey could achieve massive savings for the NHS • Who cares wins • Trust wins national flu fighter award • Excellence in accident and emergency care award • Friarage hospital shuttle bus contract extended • My viewpoint • Abbie's love - £50,000 donation • Macmillan Quality Awards • Council of Governors elections • Staff achievements
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Recommendation:	The Board of Directors is asked to note the contents of the report
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Implications (mark with x in appropriate column(s))	Legal	Financial	Clinical	Strategic	Risk & Assurance
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1. NEW PURPOSE-BUILT IVF UNIT

A new purpose-built IVF unit is now open at The James Cook University Hospital, bringing all reproductive medicine services together in one place including a theatre, lab, tank room, air quality control, recovery area, patient rooms, changing rooms, reception and waiting area.

As demand for fertility services across Teesside continues to grow the development will ensure the hospital can continue to accommodate increasing numbers of patients. The unit offers both NHS and private fertility treatment to people in the North of England with services including advanced techniques such as egg freezing, oncology freezing (freezing eggs/sperm of cancer patients) and surgical sperm extraction, and has one of the best success rates in the country.

2. FIVE-YEAR 'BROKEN SHOULDER' STUDY COULD SECURE MASSIVE SAVINGS FOR NHS

The results of a five-year study led by Professor Amar Rangan, a clinical professor in trauma and orthopaedic surgery, to determine the best treatment for a broken shoulder – surgery versus no surgery – were published in the prestigious international Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) last month and could lead to significant financial savings for the NHS.

Together with researchers from Teesside University and the University of York, Prof Rangan secured over £1.25m funding from the National Institute for Health Research's Health Technology Assessment Programme in 2008 to lead the largest randomised clinical trial to-date on proximal humerus (shoulder) fractures.

Researchers found no significant difference between having surgery compared to non-surgical treatment which could have major impact on future treatment in the NHS. The results have already attracted world-wide attention and the team intend to publish a separate paper on cost-effectiveness shortly.

3. WHO CARES WINS...

Senior nurses and clinical matrons at the trust have developed a board game 'Who Cares Wins' which is designed to help highlight and address key patient safety issues while promoting learning in a way that is interactive, fun and memorable.

The concept was taken up by NHS Innovations North who supported the team with a £5,000 bid to the Academic Health Science Network, which helped to turn their initial ideas into the finished boxed board game.

The game will be formally launched at the Durham and Teesside Patient Safety Conference today (31 March) and is aimed specifically at nursing staff. It has now been entered into the Bright Ideas in Health Awards 2015 although the team is also looking into the idea of creating an application to enable the game to be played on mobile devices.

4. TRUST WINS NATIONAL 'FLU FIGHTER' AWARD

I am delighted to share with colleagues that following on from the success of achieving our best ever uptake for flu vaccination at 75.5%, the trust has been named 'best flu fighter team' at the annual national NHS flu fighter awards.

The awards are part of the flu fighter campaign run by NHS Employers and the panel of judges, including the editor of Nursing Times magazine Jenni Middleton, said that the team's 'remarkable' efforts would be promoted across the country to inspire similar work. Judges were particularly impressed with the team's collaborative approach.

Danny Mortimer, chief executive of NHS Employers, said: "This team has done fantastic work to help make the NHS an even safer place for staff, patients, and anyone they come into contact with. More than a million people use the NHS every 36 hours and many can be very vulnerable to flu. So it's great that the majority of NHS staff find time in their busy days to seek out these voluntary vaccinations."

5. EXCELLENCE IN ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY CARE AWARD

The trust has been shortlisted for the excellence in accident and emergency care award, part of the CHKS annual Top Hospitals programme awards 2015 which celebrate achievements in healthcare quality and improvement.

Our A & E departments at James Cook and the Friarage treat more than 127,000 patients a year, with James Cook also being a designated regional major trauma centre. Six trusts were shortlisted following an analysis of 28 measures including patient survey results and survival rates.

Over the last three years, the number of injured people treated by the major trauma centre at James Cook has increased by over 50% with more patients surviving after sustaining severe injuries.

We have now been invited to submit a detailed entry using a questionnaire which will be considered by a panel of expert judges. The judges will visit three shortlisted trusts and then decide on a winner.

6. FRIARAGE HOSPITAL SHUTTLE BUS CONTRACT EXTENDED

Colleagues will be aware that Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG, in partnership with the trust, introduced a shuttle bus service last October following changes to children's and maternity services at the Friarage Hospital.

Since then the number of passengers using the free shuttle bus between the Friarage and James Cook hospitals has continued to grow, so much the CCG has decided to extend the service for another year until March 2016.

In March, more than 200 people used the bus in a single week – almost triple the number compared to November figures – and following an open tender process, Proctors Coach Hire of Leeming Bar was awarded the contract.

The bus travels between the two hospitals ten times a day – Monday to Friday – and is available to use for all patients, their families, and staff. Over the coming months, the CCG will be surveying travellers to find out what they think about the service and why they are taking the journey.

7. MY VIEWPOINT

A photographic exhibition featuring some striking and poignant images captured by men with prostate cancer was launched at the Trinity Holistic Centre last week.

Earlier this year the centre began a pilot photography project – funded by Prostate Cancer UK – for men diagnosed with the disease with the aim of providing greater emotional support to men living with – and beyond – a prostate cancer diagnosis and to give them the opportunity to learn and develop their new photography skills.

Now, the four who completed the eight-week workshop, which was delivered by local photographer and communications professional John Kerr and supported by qualified counsellor Margaret Booth, have showcased their work at the centre.

The images and words which go with them are deeply moving and I'd like to thank all four - Brian Addison, Gerry Armstrong, John Dilworth and Rick Reed – for sharing their work. It is hoped this will help to tackle the taboo that surrounds this part of men's health and that more men will recognise the early signs and seek help.

8. ABBIE'S LOVE - £50,000 DONATION

Last week, Richard and Tracy Clarke handed over £50,000 to help with the refurbishment of the children's day unit at The James Cook University Hospital through their charity Abbie's Love, which supports epilepsy research and children with this condition.

Since the tragic loss of their only child Abbie in December 2006, the couple have raised over £300,000, with more than £135,000 contributing towards research, specialist beds for children with epilepsy and hi-tech equipment to perform EEG investigations at the trust.

A child-friendly examination room has also been developed within the neurosciences investigations area in Abbie's memory and while a special event was held at the hospital last week, I wanted to formally record my thanks to Richard and Tracy for their on-going support.

9. MACMILLAN QUALITY AWARDS

South Tees has become the first NHS trust in the country to receive five Macmillan quality awards. The trust's purpose-built radiotherapy centre, The Endeavour Unit, was the latest service to receive the prestigious Macmillan Environment Quality Mark (MQEM) which demonstrates to staff, visitors and patients that a facility is:

- Welcoming and accessible to all
- Respectful of people's privacy and dignity
- Supportive to the user's comfort and well-being
- Giving choice and control to people using the service
- Listening to the voice of the user

MQEM awards have previously been presented to ward 14, the chemotherapy day unit and the Macmillan information centre at The James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough and the Macmillan information centre at the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton.

10. COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS ELECTIONS

Yesterday was the closing date to vote in the elections to the Council of Governors. However two public constituencies - Hambleton and Richmondshire (4 seats) and patient and/or carer (two seats) – were uncontested.

Congratulations to all the candidates who automatically join us as governors. They are:

- **Hambleton and Richmondshire** – Plym Auty and Noel Beal (both existing governors) will be joined by Stella Kilvington – founding secretary of the Northallerton and District Diabetic Club and a committee member of the Churchill Trust for the East Pennines – and Dr John Wilkinson, a public health doctor and champion for rural healthcare.
- **Patient and/or carer** – Elaine Lewis (existing governor) and Grant Reid, a professional chartered engineer and dialysis patient at the trust.

Our governors will serve a term of three years, after which they can be re-elected, and results from the Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland constituencies, which each had three vacant seats and the staff constituency (one vacancy) will be posted today on the trust's website <http://southtees.nhs.uk/about/membership/elections/>.

11. STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- This month, the region's NHS recognised the outstanding dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of its apprentices at an awards ceremony hosted by Health Education North East. In total, 27 nominated apprentices were awarded including Kira Green, a clinical healthcare apprentice in the surgical services centre, who was named the apprentice who made the greatest contribution to patient experience or service delivery of the year.

Jessica Curry, a ward clerk/audit assistant on the cardiothoracic intensive care unit (CICU), was also nominated for intermediate apprentice of the year (level 2). This is a fantastic way to recognise, thank and reward our apprentices for their contribution to delivering excellent patient care.

- Staff nurse on ward 25, Sarah Woolston, has been shortlisted as one of six finalists for 'Mentor of the Year' in the Student Nursing Times Awards after being nominated by Mark Wheatley, of Teesside University, for the work she does around mentoring students as part of their placement.

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