

Meeting / Committee:	Board of Directors	Meeting Date:	26 June 2012
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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"> • The future of children's and maternity services • General High Dependency Unit opens • Memorial service • Clare shortlisted for national 'Pioneers of Care' Award • Endeavour Unit shortlisted for international building award • Annual report/annual members meeting • Fundraising thanks
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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. THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN'S AND MATERNITY SERVICES AT THE FRIARAGE

The public engagement period on the future sustainability of children's and maternity services, led by Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group, formally ended yesterday (25 June).

The results of the survey, along with focus groups, meetings, fact-finding visits to hospitals and other public engagement, will now feed into the decision making process which will take place over the summer.

The CCG is now working with the trust on actively developing further options as a result of feedback and will make recommendations to the NHS North Yorkshire and York Board in September. If any major changes are proposed a formal consultation process will take place during the autumn.

2. GENERAL HIGH DEPENDENCY UNIT (HDU) OPENS

Patients have now transferred to the new £4.5million general HDU (high dependency unit) which opened this month at James Cook.

Caring for people who are seriously ill has become a large and complex part of healthcare and requires many specialist skills to ensure we provide the best possible care for some of our most sickest – and vulnerable – patients.

The development of a 16-bedded centralised unit, caring for any patient in the hospital who needs a higher, more specialised level of care, will enable our clinical teams to improve patient safety and incorporates both surgical and general (medical) HDU beds in one place.

This is a massive achievement and reflects how well the surgical and medical teams have worked together, along with everyone else involved in the build, to make this happen.

Having critically ill patients cared for in one area by highly trained specialist nurses - and a resident doctor immediately available - has been shown to save lives and also improves the quality of patient care and the whole patient experience.

3. MEMORIAL SERVICE

The trust's lead chaplain The Rev Malcolm Masterman will hold a special service to remember Margaret Toase, former chair of the staffside organisation, on Thursday 5 July in the back of the staff restaurant at The James Cook University Hospital at 4.30pm. Friends and colleagues are welcome to attend.

4. CLARE SHORTLISTED FOR NATIONAL 'PIONEERS OF CARE' AWARD

Congratulations to Clare Donnelly, a healthcare assistant at James Cook, who was shortlisted in the prestigious 'Pioneers of Care' Award for her work for patients with learning disabilities in the cardiothoracic department.

Clare developed easy-to-read leaflets explaining elements of their treatment clearly and now plans to extend the innovation across other wards and departments in the hospital. The Pioneers of Care award, organised by Welch

Allyn UK, celebrates and rewards trailblazing nurses who have gone out of their way to work effectively, efficiently and empathetically with their patients and have introduced new techniques to solve problems and help improve lives.

5. ENDEAVOUR UNIT SHORTLISTED FOR INTERNATIONAL BUILDING AWARD

Following its success at the recent Constructing Excellence in the North East Awards, the Endeavour Unit, which is part of a £35million cancer redevelopment at The James Cook University Hospital, has now been shortlisted for an international award.

The unit has been shortlisted in the International Health Project (under 40,000 sqm) category in this year's Design & Health International Academy Awards 2012, with the winners being announced in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, this weekend.

This is a huge achievement for the trust and its building partners as I know everyone is very proud of the unit which allows us to provide high quality healthcare to our patients in a spacious state-of-the-art environment.

6. ANNUAL REPORT/ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

The annual members meeting, in which I will provide an overview of our clinical and financial performance over the last year, will be held in the atrium, near to the south entrance of The James Cook University Hospital between 12 noon and 1pm on Tuesday 24 July.

As in previous years, we will also be holding an open day/health and wellbeing event for staff and members of the public between 11am and 2pm and this year's theme is around fitness for health and the Olympics.

7. FUNDRAISING THANKS

Throughout the year volunteers, patients, carers, staff and local communities organise fundraising events and provide donations and legacies to the organisation, which really make a difference to the lives of people who need the trust's services. Two recent substantial donations include:

- £20,000 from Abbie's Love and 'Secret Millionaire' Sean Gallagher which has enabled the neurophysiology department at James Cook to update all its EEG (electroencephalogram) machines, which monitor brain activity and help in the characterisation of different types of epilepsy. Six reader stations have also been fitted to the latest specification of software available, allowing faster clinical reporting and swifter and easier access to the patient's clinical report.
- £8,000 to the MND care centre from Mike Findley MBE - a patient at James Cook who was diagnosed with motor neurone disease several years ago and has subsequently raised a staggering £112,119 through the Mike Findley MND Fund. The money will buy overnight oxygen monitoring equipment and other respiratory measuring and monitoring equipment.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE - SIMON PLEYDELL
