

Agenda Item 7

South Tees Hospitals 
NHS Foundation Trust

Meeting / Committee:	Board of Directors	Meeting Date:	Tuesday 25 June 2013
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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"> • Children's and maternity services at the Friarage • Recruitment campaign • Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) for the North East and North Cumbria • Advanced heart valve surgery helps 100th patient • Awards and achievements • Annual members meeting
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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. CHILDREN'S AND MATERNITY SERVICES AT THE FRIARAGE

This month, NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) announced it intends to start the formal public consultation around the provision of children's and maternity services at the Friarage Hospital 'as soon as possible'.

The consultation was recently given the go-ahead by the Secretary of State after it had been referred for review by North Yorkshire County Council's scrutiny of health committee.

However the CCG had sought further clarity about the impact of a separate project being undertaken by the NHS in Darlington, Durham and Tees around reviewing the quality of health services. It has now been given the reassurance that this work will not adversely impact on the two options for consultation.

The two options are:

- Running a short-stay paediatric children's assessment unit, children's outpatient and community services and a midwifery-led unit, outpatient services and community midwifery (CCG preferred option);
- Running children's outpatient and community services, midwifery-led unit, outpatients services and community midwifery

The CCG aims to start the consultation as soon as it has a project team in place and after discussion we have tentatively agreed late July/August although I hope to have a more formal timescale for the next Board meeting.

2. RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

As colleagues are aware, the trust launched a nurse recruitment campaign to support extra beds being opened at James Cook, including an acute admissions ward (ward 10) to meet patient demand.

To date, 16.52 wte band 5 staff nurses have received a conditional offer letter plus three further offers are to be made, leaving 3.48 posts to be appointed from the latest shortlist.

Six experienced nurses who attended our open days last month have also expressed an interest to work on ward 10. They have been re-contacted by the HR team and are currently being considered for posts.

3. ACADEMIC HEALTH SCIENCE NETWORK FOR THE NORTH EAST AND NORTH CUMBRIA

An Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) for the North East and North Cumbria has been announced by NHS England, which will recognise the brilliant ideas originating from the region's health service, turning them into treatments, accessible technologies and medicines.

The AHSN is an organisation of key core members including ourselves and other NHS foundation trusts, universities and clinical commissioning groups across the patch and was developed with the aim of harnessing and influencing innovation.

It presents a unique opportunity to pull together the adoption and spread of innovation with clinical research and trials, informatics, education, and healthcare delivery.

4. ADVANCED HEART VALUE SURGERY HELPS 100TH PATIENT

The trust was one of the first in the UK to offer an advanced heart valve replacement procedure – a minimally invasive technique for replacing the aortic valve which is done using much smaller incisions than more traditional methods.

More than 100 patients have now benefitted from this procedure which means patients recover much faster, spend less time in hospital and can be back to work within just six weeks.

Our latest patient survey results also show a 100% satisfaction rate and the cardiothoracic team now has surgeons from across the country coming to James Cook to learn how to do it.

5. AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

I am delighted to share with colleagues some recent awards and achievements both at regional and national level.

Mackenzie Medal – Consultant cardiologist Dr Mark De Belder has been awarded the Mackenzie Medal by the British Cardiovascular Society in recognition of outstanding service to British cardiology.

HSJ Efficiency Awards 2013 – held to demonstrate exceptional cost savings and efficiencies, without sacrificing impeccably high standards of patient care, the winners will be announced this September in London.

- Efficiency in medical technology – consultant clinical oncologist Clive Peedell and the team have been shortlisted for their work around implementing stereotactic ablative radiotherapy (SABR) to help manage patients with medically inoperable early stages of lung cancer.

Bright Ideas in Health Awards 2013 – which are open to all NHS staff in the North east and celebrate innovation and creativity.

- Innovative technology or device category (second place) – assistant practitioner David Hawkes and nurse Claire Wright. Claire and David came up with an improved stoma and fistula abdominal dressing, which reduces the likelihood of infection and provides the patient with greater independence.
 - Innovative technology or device (highly commended) – Clinical scientist Dr Charlotte Kemp, clinical technologist Tony Alton and TCES project training officer Roberta Hazel Gallagher. Their idea consisted of a toolkit for ensuring health professionals can quickly and easily select the correct furniture raiser to be issued to patients, thereby streamlining the process and helping to reduce errors.
 - Service improvement (second place) – chief audiologist/audiology manager Peter Craggy. Peter developed a new drop-off repair bag (which includes an aftercare service) for hearing aids, which can be dropped off at the patient's nearest GP surgery to be collected and taken to the relevant hospital. Repaired behind the
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ear (BTE) hearing aids are then returned to the patient through Royal Mail, providing an efficient and convenient service for the patient.

- Service improvement (highly commended) - pharmacist Adam Pattison Rathbone, medicines management pharmacy technician Debbie Hargan, lead clinical pharmacist in women and children Julie Pagan and ward six nurse manager Julie Harrison.

The team produced a fully comprehensive patients' own drug system on the vascular surgery ward with a medicines management pharmacy technician and pharmacist becoming part of the ward-based clinical team, working alongside the team of clinicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals to reduce waiting times for discharge prescriptions and unnecessary medicine waste, as well as making cost savings.

UNICEF Baby Friendly – while the trust's maternity unit is already fully accredited as UNICEF Baby Friendly, our community services in Redcar and Cleveland have now gained stage two of this recognised process, which focuses on staff knowledge around breastfeeding, staff training and awareness of the breastfeeding policy along with numerous other key breastfeeding knowledge requirements. The community team is already working towards stage three accreditation, which is planned for March 2014.

Macmillan Professionals Excellence Awards – which recognise and celebrate the outstanding contribution Macmillan professionals make to cancer services.

- Service improvement excellence – Macmillan nurse consultant Wendy Anderson is in the shortlisted category after being nominated by Stephen Guy from Macmillan and the trust's lead cancer nurse Nicky Hand.

The Macmillan Quality Environment Mark (MQEM) – has been awarded to the Macmillan information and support centre at the Friarage Hospital from Macmillan Cancer Support. MQEM is a detailed quality framework used for assessing whether cancer care environments meet the standards required by people living with cancer and is the first assessment tool of its kind in the UK.

6. ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

The annual members meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 July in the academic centre at James Cook. This year there will be a market place event from 11am to 1pm where some of the trust's achievements from the last year will be showcased, followed by the formal meeting at midday.

As part of the market place we're planning to run a 'chat box' activity where staff will have the chance to talk to members of the Board and governors, one-to-one, about any issue.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE - PROFESSOR TRICIA HART
