

<b>Meeting / Committee:</b>	Board of Directors	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	24 April 2012
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<b>This paper is for: (Only 1 column to be marked with x as appropriate)</b>	Action/Decision	Assurance	Information
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<b>Title:</b>	Chief Executive's Report
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<b>Purpose:</b>	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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<b>Summary:</b>	<p>The paper provides information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMC hearing</li> <li>• Royal Visit</li> <li>• Major trauma centre</li> <li>• Hospital first in world to fit new pacemaker</li> <li>• Election results to the Council of Governors</li> <li>• Lifetime 'palliative care' award for Chris</li> <li>• Hero Award</li> </ul>
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<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Board of Directors is asked to note the contents of the report
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<b>Implications (mark with x in appropriate column(s))</b>	Legal	Financial	Clinical	Strategic	Risk & Assurance
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## **1. GMC HEARING**

Colleagues are aware the GMC is currently hearing a sensitive case, involving one of our consultants, which has attracted media attention. The trust is not in a position to comment while the hearing is on-going but will issue a statement at the end of the hearing.

## **2. ROYAL VISIT**

Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra will officially open the new Endeavour Unit on Wednesday 2 May to celebrate the trust's £35million cancer redevelopment on The James Cook University Hospital site.

HRH will visit the chemotherapy day unit, where she will chat to staff and patients, before touring the Endeavour Unit, a new stand-alone radiotherapy centre, and unveiling a plaque.

The redevelopment will enable the trust to provide the very best cancer facilities and leading-edge treatment for patients in the region and will be a huge asset for many years to come.

## **3. TRAUMA**

From 1 April, The James Cook University Hospital was formally designated as a major trauma centre for the southern part of the Northern region, for an initial period of three years and then subject to reassessment.

This will help to ensure patients with serious and life-threatening injuries are treated quickly in a specialist hospital where a full range of trauma specialists are available round the clock.

This type of care is very important and many patients will need an appropriate rehabilitation over many months to help them return to an active life – an area that does require increased focus and investment over time at the trust.

## **4. HOSPITAL FIRST IN WORLD TO FIT NEW PACEMAKER**

Heart experts at James Cook have implanted the world's first Ingenio pacemaker, which has a guaranteed battery life of 14 years – almost double the 7-8 year lifespan of an average pacemaker battery – and should reduce the number of replacement operations required by patients.

Retired headteacher Ann Gartside, 67, of Nunthorpe was one of the first patients to receive the new state-of-the-art device after the pacemaker he had fitted in 2005 was reaching the end of its life.

The new pacemaker has a number of features to benefit patients including the ability to increase the heartbeat in response to movement which helps patients feel less tired during physical activity.

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## 5. ELECTION RESULTS TO THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

At the end of last month, the results to the Council of Governors 2012 elections were announced after 31 people put themselves forward as candidates for 12 (elected) seats.

More than 2,500 (2,529) staff, patients and local people cast their votes during the elections in March, which were run by the Electoral Reform Services (ERS). The results were as follows:

### **PUBLIC CONSTITUENCIES**

**Hambleton and Richmondshire (4 seats)** – Plym Auty, Noel Beal, David Bentley and Janet Crampton

**Middlesbrough (2 seats)** – Keith Martin and Alan Parton

**Redcar and Cleveland (3 seats)** – William Davis, Alan Leighton and John Race

**PATIENT/CARER CONSTITUENCY (1 seat)** – Elaine Lewis

**REST OF ENGLAND (1 seat)** – Shahrzad Connolly

**STAFF CONSTITUENCY (1 seat)** – Julie Harris

## 6. LIFETIME 'PALLIATIVE CARE' AWARD FOR CHRIS

Congratulations to nurse consultant Chris Ward who has won this year's *International Journal of Palliative Nursing* lifetime award. Chris – who has led the palliative care team in Hambleton and Richmondshire for the past 22 years – received the coveted prize at an awards ceremony in London.

Chris became the first Macmillan clinical nurse specialist in palliative care in Hambleton and Richmondshire in 1990, setting up the hospital-based Macmillan nursing service which has since become a multidisciplinary team, spanning hospital and community.

She graduated from Macmillan nurse to Macmillan palliative care team leader in 1999, lead nurse for cancer and palliative care in 2002 and nurse consultant in adult palliative care – her current post - in the same year.

During that time Chris has also developed university and in-house teaching programmes in palliative care, led the development of a local chemotherapy service, established a specialist palliative care team clinical network in North Yorkshire and co-authored the North East Cancer Network Guidelines. She holds honorary visiting lectureships with the University of York and the University of Teesside but lists her proudest work as helping cancer patients with spinal cord compression.

## 7. HERO AWARD

Diabetes specialist nurse Mary Bilous has been presented with a national 'hero' award after being nominated for the Tommy's and Danone baby nutrition hero award by former patient Marion Williams.

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Marion of Durham had various complications during her pregnancy due to the fact that she has been an insulin-dependent diabetic since she was 12 years old. She nominated Mary for the support and care she received during and after her pregnancy and I wanted to share with the Board some of her comments:

*“Mary and the diabetes team at James Cook have set up a fantastic pre-pregnancy clinic, and this is where I met Mary. My husband Andy and I had been trying to have a baby for six years and started IVF in January 2011.*

*“I found out I was pregnant three weeks later! I rang Mary as I was panicking my blood sugars were terribly high. Mary saw me immediately and suggested I use a sensor to monitor my blood glucose constantly.*

*“Despite the shaky start, I never felt as well as I did during the pregnancy! Mary saw me in the medical antenatal clinic but also in between times. At 37 weeks pregnant I was induced.*

*“Mary came at least twice a day to check I was ok, even on her days off. We had a beautiful and healthy daughter, Eve, and she is my constant reminder of the amazing care I received from Mary. She is an example of everything that is great about the people working in the NHS today.”*

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE SIMON PLEYDELL**

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